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Subject: GEORGE ABRAMOVICH KOVAL

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 8/11/55

FROM : SAC, New York (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - RRerep of SA [REDACTED] 6/29/55, NY, and
Bulet, 8/2/55.Rebulet concerning last paragraph, page 10, and first
paragraph, page 11 of referenced NY report.

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Please be advised that the first paragraph on page 11,
as it appears in the NY copies reads, "On May 25, 1945 [REDACTED]
wrote to W.A.ROSE, 71 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey,
regarding the sale of Mexican twine." This information describes
the notation referred to in the last paragraph, page 10.

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deemed superfluous subsequent to transcription of the report was
deleted from the stencil prior to mimeographing. The report is
correct in its present form.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO	DATE WHEN MADE 8/24/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/11, 15, 17, 18/55	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 400px; height: 30px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Chicago, Illinois, Park Forest, Illinois, were unable to furnish any information concerning GEORGE KOVAL . <div style="text-align: center;"> AGENCY AEC, G2, State, RAB, & CIA REQ. REC'D 9-1-55 - RUC <i>(typed copy)</i> DATE FORW. R/S BY EMC (ask) </div>			
DETAILS: On August 11, 1955, <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> that he was a former member of the Special Engineers Detachment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He stated that he could not furnish any information concerning GEORGE KOVAL because he could not remember anyone by that name.			
On August 15, 1955, <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> Park Forest, Illinois, advised SA <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> that he was a Sergeant of the Special Engineers Detachment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, but could not furnish any information on GEORGE KOVAL due to the fact that he could not recall or remember such name.			
The files of the Chicago Office failed to reflect any information identifiable with GEORGE KOVAL . <div style="text-align: center;"> SP3 BTJ/ear 4/4/01 922 438 - RUC - </div>			
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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated July 15,
1955, at Knoxville.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 8/30/55

FROM : *W.D.* SAC, BALTIMORE (65-2384)SUBJECT: *U* GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R
OO - New York*62u* Re New York letter to the Director, 5/27/55.

Baltimore Confidential Source ☐ advised SE ☐ on 8/26/55 that subject applied for an account number on 1/16/41, at which time he resided at 3470 Cannon Place, New York, N.Y. His application reflects that he was born 12/25/13 at Sioux City, Iowa, to ABRAHAM KOVAL and ETHEL SHENITSKI. *b2 b7C b7D*

Wages were reported for the subject for the years 1941 and 1942, and for the quarter ended 3/43 by the Raven Electric Company, Inc., 11 West 25th St., New York, N.Y. The only other employment was for the quarter ended 12/46 when his wages were reported by JANE KRAMER and MILTON KRAMER, Medical Salvage Company, 217 East 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. -RUC-

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CC: NEW YORK (65-16756)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: Aug. 31, 1955

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (65-3981)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to report of SA [redacted] dated June 29, 1955 at New York, requesting Boston to check faculty records for the period 1945 to the present at Massachusetts Institute of Technology regarding identifying data of professors of Electrical Engineering who have a surname of Slavic or Russian derivation.

[redacted] of Electrical Engineering Headquarters, Room 4-202, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, who has been [redacted] of the Electrical Engineering Division for several years and who is well acquainted with the professors in the School of Electrical Engineering, is presently on vacation and will not return to Cambridge until September 6 or 7, 1955. [redacted] has been cooperative with the Boston Office in the past and immediately upon her return from vacation will be contacted for information concerning professors of Electrical Engineering who have surnames of Slavic or Russian derivation and identifying data concerning these professors.

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A review of the 1945 - 1955 M.I.T. Catalogues lists the following professors possibly of Slavic or Russian derivation:



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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
American Embassy
Paris 8, France

Date: August 31, 1955
To: Director, FBI (65-62911)
From: Legat, Paris (65-335)
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet 6/13/55.

On 8/31/55 advised that their inquiries are continuing, but that no information is presently available. (S)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)
 Att: FBI Laboratory
 FROM : SAC, New York (65-16756)
 SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
 ESP-R

DATE. 8/18/55

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Enclosed to the FBI Laboratory are two photographs consisting of the following:

Item #1: A photograph reflecting the subject's signature as it appears on a Selective Service Form executed by him on 3/19/41.

Item #2: A photograph reflecting five samples of the subject's signature as obtained from several Selective Service Forms executed by him during 1942. It is noted that the fourth signature was signed for the subject by a Selective Service Official identified on the Selective Service Form by the initial H. L.

It is requested that the known samples of the subject's signature be compared with the signatures of known espionage agents presently on file at the laboratory.

The following brief summary of the investigation concerning the subject is noted:

Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942, he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York, New York [redacted]

code name [redacted] During 1945 he was employed in the health and physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/43, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America" destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York.

Enclosures (2) to the FBI Laboratory

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Letter to Director
NY 65-16756

The enclosed photographs need not be returned to the New York Office
inasmuch as other copies are available.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

September 6, 1955

To. SAC, New York

Re GEORGE KOVAL
ESP - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO
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LAB NO

65-16756
65-62911 - *HP*
D-210403 DG

Examination requested by New York

Reference Letter 8/18/55 *EX-133*

Examination requested Document

Specimens

Kel Two photographs containing six signatures of
GEORGE KOVAL. (Your items 1 and 2)

Result of Examination:

Specimen Kel was searched through the signature section
of the National Security File but no identification was effected.
Due to the nature of specimen Kel, no additional search of this
file was made at this time. Specimens are not being added to
this file unless future developments warrant such action.

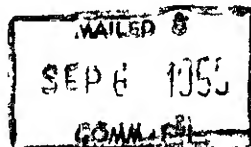
Specimen Kel is being retained in the files of the

Bureau.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Sizoo _____
Mr. Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

B. J. Tolson

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Re: GEORGE KOVAL
ESP - RFile # 65-62911-46
Lab. # D-210403 DGExamination requested by: New York (65-16756)
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Date of reference communication: Let. 8/22/55

Date received: 8/22/55

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Examination by: 7
Dr. [unclear]

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*Kcl No sig sect 9.87.
Does not lend itself to more complete search.**8/31*Specimens submitted for examinationKcl Two photographs ~~of six signatures~~ containing six signatures
of GEORGE KOVAL. (Your items #1 and #2)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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TO LAB FILE

Re: CECILIA LOTAL
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File # 65-52911 - 46
Lab. # 2-210403

Examination requested by: New York (65-16756)
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Date of reference communication: Let. 8/22/55

Date received: 8/22/55

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [Signature]

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Specimens submitted for examination

Kcl Two photographs of ~~signature~~ containing six signatures
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ENCLOSURES (2) TO THE FBI LABORATORY

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice N.

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(Registrant's signature)

formed and know that making or being a party to making any false statement
able to punishment by fine and imprisonment.

(Signature of person examined)

to punishment by fine and imprisonment.

(Signature of person examined)

(Signature of person examined)

Date of mailing

Name:

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Address

(Number and street or R. F. D. route)

(City or town)

(County)

(State)

TICE TO REGISTRANT

REGISTRANT'S STATEMENT REGARDING CLASSIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—It is optional with registrant whether or not he fills in this statement, and failure to answer at all constitutes a waiver of claim to deferred or other status. The local board is charged by law to determine the classification of the registrant on the basis of the facts before it, which should be taken fully into consideration regardless of whether statement is filled in.

In view of the facts set forth in this Questionnaire it is my opinion that my classification should be C1A
 The registrant may write in the space below or attach to this page any statement which he believes should be brought to the attention of the Local Board in determining his classification. (See Instr.)

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice N. Y. Field Office

STATE OF New York COUNTY OF Franklin ss:

I, Elwood, do solemnly swear that I am the registrant named and described in the foregoing statements in this Questionnaire, that I have read (or had read to me) the statements made by and about me, and that each and every such statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Registrant sign here Elwood
 (Signature of registrant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of June 1941

John J. McDonald

SAC, NEWARK [REDACTED]

September 9, 1955

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DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

POTENTIAL SECURITY INFORMANTS

Re New York airtel dated August 30, 1955, setting forth information indicating that [REDACTED] whose name is mentioned in an espionage case, is not identical with the potential security informant.

Authority is granted to continue contacts with [REDACTED] to determine whether they can be developed as security informants.

You should make certain that they understand their cooperation is strictly voluntary and they cannot consider themselves Bureau employees if they do furnish information and assistance.

Use caution in your contacts with them to be certain they are not plants and otherwise follow instructions set out in Section 107 of the Manual of Instructions.

Keep the Bureau advised by the submission of progress letters, the first of which should reach the Bureau by December 8, 1955.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: Newark let 7/27/55 furnished background data on the [REDACTED] who reside near the Camp of the Nature Friends of America.

[REDACTED] unemployed at the present time. Bufiles reflected an individual by the name of [REDACTED] was involved in the case of "George Koval - Espionage, R" and until this was cleared up, Newark was denied authority to develop [REDACTED] as informants. Since this matter has been resolved, there is no reason why [REDACTED] cannot be developed as PSIs.

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Belmont _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)
 FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (65-1657)
 SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 9/14/55

Rerep of SA [redacted] Knoxville, 7/15/55.

[redacted] Sewickley, Pa.,
 sister of [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 9/12/55,
 that her brother no longer resided in Sewickley, Pa.; that he was a
 Captain in the U.S. Army Engineers during World War II; that he was
 stationed at Oak Ridge, Tenn. in approximately 1944-45; and that she
 believed he was [redacted] in the U.S.
 Army who were stationed at the Oak Ridge, Tenn. (AEC) installation.

[redacted] advised that her brother, [redacted]
 is an engineer in civilian life; that he is currently employed as a
 mechanical engineer with the Kelly-Springfield Tire Co., Cumberland, Md.;
 and that he resides at [redacted] Cumberland.

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There is attached a copy of rerep for the information and
 assistance of the Baltimore Office in connection with this matter.

It is requested that the Baltimore Office interview
 [redacted] in compliance with the lead set forth for the Pittsburgh
 Division in rerep.

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ESPIONAGE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)

DATE. 9/16/55

FROM : SAC, New York (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

OO: New York

Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report of SA [redacted] in above captioned matter, dated as above, at New York.

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The attached report sets forth brief background data concerning [redacted] ARNOLD KRAMISH.

[redacted] members of the subject's ASTP class at CCNY, who reportedly are in a position to furnish information regarding his past activities.

The Bureau is requested to review its indices for each of the above mentioned individuals inasmuch as the NYO contemplates interviews with them.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9/16/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/21; 7/14; 8/3, 5, 24, 26, 29, 30/55	REPORT MADE BY [redacted] paf
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) files, College of the City of New York (CCNY). reflect [redacted] ARNOLD KRANISH, [redacted] and [redacted] members of subject's ASTP class, CCNY, 8/9/43 to 7/29/44. ASTP files, CCNY. reflect [redacted] instructed subject's ASTP class, CCNY. Investigation to locate parents of [redacted] reflects their reported residence of 1285 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY, nonexistent. [redacted] cousin of [redacted] advised latter resides Queens Village, Jamaica, Long Island, NY. [redacted] USCG, NYC, advised no record for WILLIAM A. ROSE. [redacted] Brookhaven National Laboratory, advised [redacted] employed at University of California during 1953. ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised photograph and background data re subject is completely unfamiliar.		b7C	
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DETAILS:		MEMBERS OF SUBJECT'S ARMY SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM CLASS, COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK	
The following background data regarding members of the subject's Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) class; in attendance at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) from August 9, 1943 to July 29, 1944, was made available from the files of that institution by [redacted] of Admissions, to SA [redacted] on August 3, 1955:			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED [redacted]		ENCLOSURE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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[REDACTED]

Date of Birth
Residence Address

Army Serial No.
Previous Education

[REDACTED]

Memphis,

University of Tennessee,
Knoxville, Tennessee

ARNOLD KRAMISH

Date of Birth
Residence Address

Army Serial No.
Previous Education

June 6, 1923
616 South Broadway, Denver,
Colorado
37342706
University of Denver,
Denver, Colorado

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth
Residence Address
Army Serial No.
Previous Education

[REDACTED]

Nashville, Tennessee

Vanderbilt University, Nashville,
Tennessee

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth
Residence Address

Army Serial No.
Previous Education

[REDACTED]

Street, Brooklyn,

Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New
York

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth
Residence Address

Army Serial No.
Previous Education

[REDACTED]

Queen College, Flushing, Long
Island, New York.

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Concerning [redacted] ARNOLD KRAMISH,
and [redacted] the following is noted:

[redacted] former member of the subject's
ASTP class, CCNY, was interviewed on May 4, 1955 by SA [redacted]
[redacted] at which time he identified [redacted]
ARNOLD KRAMISH, [redacted] as students at that college
who had been friendly with the subject. [redacted] stated
that KRAMISH was working for the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC),
location unknown, and that [redacted] were working
for the AEC at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Information furnished by [redacted]
Declassification Branch, AEC, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on
July 8, 1955 to SA [redacted] reflected that
ARNOLD KRAMISH was no longer employed with the AEC, but is
presently employed as manager of the Research Atomic Industry
Forum, Incorporated, 260 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Concerning [redacted]
the following is noted:

[redacted] former member of the subject's
ASTP class, CCNY, was interviewed on May 18, 1955 by
SAs [redacted] and advised
that [redacted] were "close
acquaintances" of the subject at CCNY during 1943-1944.

REGARDING SUBJECT'S INSTRUCTORS AT THE
COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

[redacted] Electrical Engineering
Department, CCNY, advised SA [redacted] on August 24,
1955, that a review of the available files of the ASTP of
CCNY reflects that the following individuals instructed the
subject's ASTP class during the period August 9, 1943 to
July 29, 1944:

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[redacted]
Former [redacted] of the Electrical Engineering Department, presently the [redacted] at CCNY.

[redacted]
Presently assigned to the Electrical Engineering Department at CCNY.

[redacted]
Resides at [redacted] Brooklyn, New York. Laboratory assistant, CCNY, presently on leave of absence until September, 1955.

[redacted]
[redacted] Electrical Engineering Department, CCNY.

[redacted]
[redacted] Electrical Engineering Department, CCNY.







The indices of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as reviewed on August 26, 1955, reflected no record for [redacted] and no derogatory information regarding [redacted]




Regarding [redacted]



[redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] [redacted], on February 23, 1955, and advised that just prior to the subject's departure from the United States the latter had been dating [redacted] 1285 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York. [redacted] subsequently moved to [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

Investigation conducted by Special Agents of the Los Angeles Division at Los Angeles, California, during May, 1955, reflected the following:




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 Los Angeles, California.  of the apartment court at  Los Angeles, California advised he had no record of tenancy for . He recalled that  had rented apartments from him during 1953, and sometime during their residence legally changed their names from 


A search of the Los Angeles area directories, and inquiries of those individuals in the area with the name  failed to reflect any information regarding 


A search of the Los Angeles area directories, and a review of the indices of the Los Angeles Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation failed to reflect any information which could be identified with 


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On May 18, 1955,  was re-contacted by SA  at which time he stated that the whereabouts of  is presently unknown to him, but that he believes her parents may presently be residing at 1285 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Investigation conducted in the vicinity of the 1200 block of Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York, on August 3, 1955, reflected no building address of 1285 Morris Avenue,

The current telephone directories for the Borough of the Bronx, New York, as reviewed on August 5, 1955, reflected the following listings for individuals with the surname 

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[redacted] Tivoli 2-3192,
and;
[redacted]
Cypress 4-3890.

On August 26, 1955, [redacted]
[redacted] Bronx, New York, and [redacted]
[redacted] Bronx, advised that
[redacted] is unknown to them.

REGARDING [redacted] FORMER EMPLOYEE
OF THE RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in
the past, made available information on May 9, 1955, which
reflected that on June 22, 1942 [redacted]
[redacted] of the Raven Electric Company (REC), New York
City, indicated that [redacted]
Brooklyn, New York, [redacted] for
the subject's position with the REC.

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G-2, Department of the United States Army,
during 1944, made available the following information
concerning [redacted] Brooklyn,
New York:

[redacted] admitted attending Communist Party (CP)
meetings from 1935 to 1939 and contributing small sums of
money to the CP from 1935 to 1938, although he denied that
he was ever a member of the CP.

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On July 14, 1955, [redacted]
[redacted] Coney Island, Brooklyn, New York, an employee
of David and David, 278 Morgan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York,
advised SAs [redacted] that he is a cousin of
[redacted] former resident at [redacted]
Brooklyn, New York, and present resident of [redacted]
Queens Village, Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

[redacted]
in partnership with [redacted] of the REC,

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and [redacted] from November, 1947 to 1950.

Upon observing a photograph of the subject [redacted] stated that the subject is unknown to him. He recalled that his cousin, [redacted] was employed with the REC for several years and assumed that the latter would have some information concerning former employees of the REC.

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The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 26, 1949, that [redacted] also known as [redacted] organized and was elected [redacted] of the REC, Incorporated, New York City.

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[] is the code name of an unidentified individual who emigrated from the Ukraine Russia to the United States sometime during the period 1900-1905. During the middle 1930's, he was recruited by the Technical Intelligence Unit of the General Staff of the Soviet Army. His principal targets in the United States were technical and political intelligence, although he came to be regarded as an organizational resident rather than as an operational one.

REGARDING WILLIAM A. ROSE, CONSULTANT ENGINEER REC

[] previously mentioned, made available information on May 9, 1955, that WILLIAM A. ROSE, Contractual Electrical Engineer Consultant with the REC during July, 1942, had information concerning the subject's employment with the REC. The informant advised that ROSE identified himself by displaying United States Coast Guard card with Serial Number 712441, issued by the Port of New York.

On August 5, 1955, [] United States Coast Guard, 80 Lafayette Street, New York City, advised SA [] of the following:

A review of the Intelligence and Merchant Seaman files of the United States Coast Guard, New York City, reflects no record under the name WILLIAM A. ROSE. Records for United States Coast Guard number Z-712441 are not on file at Coast Guard Headquarters at New York, but may be on file at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

REGARDING []

[] Ionics, Incorporated, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on temporary assignment at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, advised SA [], on July 8, 1955, that he was assigned to the Special Engineers Division at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory from April, 1944, to August, 1946. He stated upon viewing a photograph of subject that he recalls subject's face, but could not

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recall his name or any of his past activities. He recalled [redacted] as being the subject's direct supervisor at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and believes that [redacted] was employed at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Brookhaven, New York.

[redacted] Brookhaven National Laboratory, Brookhaven, Upton, New York, advised SA [redacted] on August 30, 1955, that [redacted] had been employed at that laboratory as a physicist from October 6, 1947, to February 13, 1953. He terminated his employment in 1953 to take a position as a radiation physicist at the University of California, Berkeley, California.

MISCELLANEOUS

[redacted] 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised SA [redacted] on June 10, and 14, 1954, that GEORGE KOVAL resided in an apartment in that building from the fall of 1946, until approximately 1949. [redacted] recalled only one individual visited KOVAL and she described him as follows:

Age	60's
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Build	Stocky
Hair	Gray
Characteristics	Appears to be of French Nationality; neat dresser and well mannered; wore goatee.

[redacted] was recontacted on April 6, 1955, by SA [redacted] at which time a photograph of JACOB BROCHES ARONOFF was displayed to her. She advised that to the best of her recollection the individual who visited KOVAL during his residence at 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York, is not identical with ARONOFF.

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[REDACTED] Passenger Department, United States Lines, 1 Broadway, New York City, advised on August 24, 1955, that passenger correspondence files dated prior to the year 1950 have been destroyed.

It is noted that a review of the departure manifest records of the SS AMERICA, conducted at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 641 Washington Avenue, New York City, by SA [REDACTED] on May 9, 1955, reflected that the subject departed from the United States aboard that United States Lines vessel on October 6, 1948 for Le Havre, France.

On June 21, 1955, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, a self-admitted former Soviet espionage agent, orally advised SA [REDACTED] that the March, 1948 passport photograph of GEORGE KOVAL was completely unfamiliar to her, as was his known descriptive and background data.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File No. Where Located
[redacted] Selective Service records LB 126, Bronx, NY	Background info re [redacted] and [redacted]	5/9/55	SA [redacted]	65-16756-37
[redacted]	[redacted]	10/26/49	H.I. [redacted]	65-14743-143
[redacted]	[redacted]	July, 1952	[redacted]	65-14743-2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	65-14743-2
[redacted]	[redacted]	11/6/53	[redacted]	65-14749-8

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Information in [redacted] 2,3,4
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (S)	11/6/53	[REDACTED]	14749-8 (S) brackets per OGA 6/20/01	b2 b7D b1 b3

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MISCELLANEOUS

For the information of the San Francisco Division, which has not received a prior communication concerning this case, the following brief summary is noted:

Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York, New York, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During 1945 he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "~~top secret~~." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative", he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/48, he departed the United States aboard the SS AMERICA destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVIL is a native born United

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States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York.

[redacted] identified in instant report as a laboratory assistant at CCNY, is apparently identical with [redacted] previously identified by a former member of the subject's ASTP class as a faculty member at CCNY who was acquainted with the subject prior to the latter's departure from the United States during the fall of 1948.

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[redacted] Electrical Engineering Department, CCNY, advised SA [redacted] on August 24, 1955, that a thorough review of the ASTP records at CCNY could not be made until September, 1955, upon the return from vacation of the clerical staff at CCNY.

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KNOXVILLE

At Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Will interview [redacted] Oak Ridge National Laboratory, concerning his knowledge of the subject's past activities and associates.

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[redacted] was identified in Knoxville report, instant case, dated July 15, 1955, as an individual who may have known the subject during the latter's assignment at Oak Ridge.

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SAN FRANCISCO

At Berkeley, California

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Will locate and request Bureau authority to interview [redacted] Physicist, regarding the subject's past activities and associates.

[redacted] has been identified as the subject's former supervisor at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will recontact [redacted] apartment [redacted] New York City, regarding any additional information concerning the whereabouts of [redacted] or her parents.

2. Will request Bureau authority to interview faculty members at CCNY who instructed subject's ASTP class at that college during 1943 and 1944.

3. Will determine if ARNOLD KRAMISH, Manager, Research Atomic Industry Forum, Incorporated, 260 Madison Avenue, New York City, is identical with ARNOLD KRAMISH a member of the subject's ASTP class, CCNY, if so, will consider interviewing him regarding subject.

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4. Will request Bureau authority to interview [redacted] Jamaica, Long Island, New York, concerning whom information has been reported in connection with an investigation at New York entitled, [redacted] SM-C."

5. Will request the Identification Division to check the files of Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington,

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D.C., regarding available information under United States Coast Guard No. Z-712441.

6.* Will review faculty records, CCNY, for background data of assistance in locating [redacted] former Electrical Engineering Instructor at CCNY, and formerly acquainted with the subject during the period 1946-1948.

7.* Will, through appropriate source, attempt to develop identifying data regarding [redacted] from whom subject sublet an apartment at 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, New York, during January, 1941.

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BOSTON and PITTSBURGH (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report has been designated for the Boston and Pittsburgh Divisions, inasmuch as those offices are presently conducting investigation regarding instant case.

REFERENCE Report of SA [redacted] 6/29/55,
New York.

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Bureau will review file references concerning [REDACTED] Arnold Kramish, [REDACTED] and will advise as to pertinent information not already available to New York. However, inasmuch as [REDACTED] residence is listed as in the New York area, it is suggested that you first check files in your office. In the event you then feel Bufiles may contain additional pertinent information, resubmit your request.

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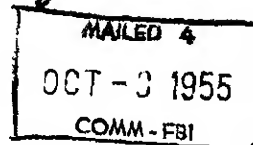
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From your memorandum of reference, it does not appear that a review of files in the New York office was made prior to submitting such a request to the Bureau, nor does it appear from your memorandum just why such a review by the Bureau is a necessary condition precedent to the contemplated interview of these individuals.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: September 20, 1955

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (65-1657)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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[REDACTED] New York, 9/16/55.

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Inasmuch as no further investigation is pending in this division; the previous lead set out for Pittsburgh having been referred to Baltimore, the copy of rerep designated for Pittsburgh is enclosed herewith for Baltimore.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Professors of Electrical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with surnames of Slavic or Russian derivation for the period 1945-55 set forth. Review of office indices concerning such professors also set out.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-- RUC --</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>On September 6, 1955, <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> School of Electrical Engineering, Engineering Headquarters, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that the only professors of Electrical Engineering at MIT in the past ten years who had surnames of SLAVIC or RUSSIAN derivation that she could recall were the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto;"></div></p> <p><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> stated that <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> was born in Svastopol, Russia, on <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> and had been at MIT since September, 1948 doing research work but she stated that <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> was not a professor and was not teaching.</p>			
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[redacted] also advised that [redacted] was of Polish extraction and was born in the United States and that [redacted] was presently an Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering.

[redacted] also stated that [redacted] Associate Professor of Communications Engineering, was born in Iowa.

[redacted] furnished the following information concerning [redacted] who was an Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at MIT:

[redacted] at New York City and his father was either a minister or ambassador from Czechoslovakia to the United States shortly after World War I. [redacted] was an Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at MIT from [redacted] and he is presently [redacted] of Raytheon, Inc., Waltham, Mass. b7C

The following information is contained in the files of the Boston Office concerning [redacted]

[redacted] attended MIT from 1929 to 1933 when he received an S. B. degree in physics. He held a Junior Prize Fellowship at Harvard University from 1935 to 1938 and also a Junior Fellow of the Society of Fellows, 1938-41. He associated with the [redacted] at MIT in 1940 and was made an Associate Professor at MIT in 1943.

An applicant-type investigation concerning [redacted] was conducted by the Boston Office in 1954 and as a result of this investigation it was ascertained that [redacted] employers, neighbors and associates recommended him highly as to ability, character, reputation, associates and loyalty. All records at MIT concerning [redacted] were favorable.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was born in Litomysl, Czechoslovakia on [redacted]. He received a Doctor's Degree at the University of Prague in 1937. She stated that [redacted] was at MIT from 1943 to 1948 doing research work, was appointed [redacted] in 1948 and left MIT on June 30, 1952. She stated that [redacted] was at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., from 1938 to 1943 and was naturalized at Boston, Mass., on November 29, 1943. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was presently at the University of Birmingham, Birmingham, England.

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The following information was taken from the files of the Boston Office:

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 73 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass., indicate that [redacted] had been closely associated with Professor [redacted] Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. for many years. [redacted] on March 20, 1939 directed a letter to the Immigration and Naturalization Service requesting that [redacted] immigration visa, which was to lapse on July 25, 1939, be extended.

LOUIS BUDENZ, who was formerly associated for many years with the Communist Party, USA, on a national scale and who was himself a Communist Party member, stated that [redacted] had been known to him as a concealed member of the Communist Party, USA. He also stated that it was his understanding from various sources of the Communist Party that [redacted] was engaged in two missions on behalf of the Party as a prominent scientist:

- a. To attract younger scientists to cooperate with the Party and its affiliated organizations during their formative years, and
- b. To sponsor Communist Party front organizations of potential interest to scientists and by virtue of his own position in the field of science to attract non-Party scientists to affiliate with such front organizations.

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This information was furnished by BUDENZ in June, 1950. The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Immigration and Naturalization Service records indicate that [redacted] arrived in the United States at the Port of New York, New York on the SS Vulcania on October 13, 1938 and that his closest friend in the United States was [redacted] Cambridge, Mass. Those records reflect that [redacted] was granted Certificate of Naturalization No. 6875743 on November 29, 1948 at the U. S. District Court, Boston, Mass.

When questioned by [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, Boston, Mass., on October 28, 1948, [redacted] stated that he was not at that time nor had he ever been a member of the Communist Party. [redacted] also stated that he had never advocated the overthrow of the United States by force or violence and was opposed to the Communist principles of the supremacy of the state as against the individual.

[redacted] disclosed to [redacted] that he was formerly a member of the "Forum for International Problems" at Cambridge, Mass. from approximately 1943 to 1945 and that his name appeared on its Steering Committee. [redacted] stated that he attended approximately four or five meetings, acting as Chairman of one meeting,

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at which he discussed the historical background of Czechoslovakia. [] stated that he voluntarily dropped out of this Forum in approximately early 1945 when he noted the tendencies of the Forum became leftist, inasmuch as more speakers were invited to defend the radical side of controversial subjects.

As a result of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the Boston Office in 1952, it was ascertained that informants who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activities in the greater Boston area, which includes Cambridge, Mass., stated that [] was unknown to them and they could furnish no information concerning []

Records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Washington, D. C., contained no record of [] in 1952.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in the latter part of 1947 that there existed at the Harvard [] Cambridge, Mass., during 1945 and 1946 a Forum for International Problems which was held semi-weekly at the [] Auditorium, Cambridge, Mass. [] stated that in his opinion the speakers for the most part were biased in favor of Communism.

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The following information concerning [] was furnished by []

[] at Prague, Czechoslovakia, and was naturalized at the U. S. District Court, Boston, Mass., on August 6, 1953. [] stated that her records show that [] graduated from the Charles University, Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1938 and was a Professor at that University until 1948. He came to MIT as a Research Associate on February 1, 1948 and remained until June 30, 1949, at which time, he went to the [] Inc., Cambridge, Mass.

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Boston files reflect that [] advised Bureau agents on February 15, 1955 that he was presently employed in the Research and Development Department of the [] Cambridge, Mass. In February, 1955, [] resided with his wife, [] and his children, [] children were born in Czechoslovakia and came to the United States with their parents on February 1, 1948 from Rotterdam, Holland.

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Informant

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[REDACTED]	Info re Forum for Inter- national Problems	1947	[REDACTED]	121-b2 1-9 b7D

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The informants, who were familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in 1952, mentioned in this report are:

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Administrative Data

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] is a Potential Security Informant of the Boston Office.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] at New York, dated June 29, 1955.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-3751)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 10/5/55

Rerep SA [] dated 9/16/55 at NY with a lead for SF to locate and request Bureau authority to interview [] concerning subject's past activities and associates.

Examination of records of the SF Operations Office, US AEC, by SA [] on 10/4/55, revealed that [] is the subject of the case [] - 15, AEAA." (Bufile 116-40492). [] AEC file contained a PSQ questionnaire dated 9/26/47 in which his clearance was requested as a Research Associate, Health Physics Department, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York. He received clearance in connection with this employment on 1/20/48.

While still employed at Brookhaven, [] submitted a PSQ dated 10/27/52 as an applicant for the position of physicist in the Health Physics Department at the Livermore Site of the University of California Radiation Laboratory, Livermore, California. His "Q" clearance was reinstated for this position on 3/3/53 and he is currently employed at Livermore.

In his PSQ dated 10/27/52, [] listed employment in health physics with the Army Special Engineering Detachment at the Clinton Laboratories, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from 3/44 to 2/46, when he was discharged from the Armed Forces.

Investigation of [] in 1947 developed the following information at the New York Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, New York, where [] was employed as an [] materiel from 1/42 to 1/43 and from 3/46 to 10/47:

[] a fellow employee, advised that [] had praised [] on the stand he had taken in favor of Russia and that [] had read the publication "PM."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)
FROM: SAC, SF (105-3751)
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[redacted], another fellow employee, advised that he once remarked that we should give Russia the A-bomb by dropping it on that country. In response, [redacted] came to the defense of Russia and stated that that country has done much for us. According to [redacted] said: "Wait until I'm commissar of this area."

Other fellow employees of [redacted] interviewed advised they knew of no pro-Communist statements by him and were never aware of any pro-Communist literature in his possession.

[redacted] advised he considered [redacted] mentioned above, to be "old womanish" and a "tattle tale." He believed [redacted] to be a "bag of wind who would blow any idea implanted in his head."

[redacted] advised he believed reports of [redacted] made by [redacted] should be discounted because these two individuals were unreliable in this respect and probably were not aware of the significance of their remarks.

Prior to reinstatement of his clearance for employment with the University of California Radiation Laboratory, [redacted] was interviewed by AEC officials on 2/26/53. He denied that he was ever interested in the candidacy of HENRY WALLACE for the Presidency. He said he had never read "PI" or expressed any sympathy for the USSR even in jest. He described himself as being a conservative individual in his politics and unalterably opposed to Communism.

The files of this office contain no information re [redacted]

It is recommended that [redacted] be interviewed as requested by rerep and authorization for interview is hereby requested.

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Consideration being given to advisability
of interviewing [redacted] Upon completion of
Bureau file review you will be so advised.

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REPORT MADE AT KNOXVILLE	DATE WHEN MADE 10/10/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/27; 10/5/55	REPORT MADE BY [redacted] lhm
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

[redacted] Mathematician, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, stated that he recalls GEORGE KOVAL as being at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory about 1945 but did not know him very well and never had any close contact with KOVAL.

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DETAILS: AT OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

On 9/27/55 [redacted] Mathematician, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised that he was in the Health Physics Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in 1945 and recalls that one GEORGE KOVAL, a member of the Specialized Training Program (ATSP) Group, was working at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory on health physics problems. [redacted] stated he had no contact with GEORGE KOVAL away from the plant area and knew nothing of his residence or friends. He stated that he did not know KOVAL very well and never had any extended conversations with him. He stated that he had no information concerning KOVAL's background, activities at Oak Ridge, and has heard nothing from him since he left the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

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This report is not being classified inasmuch as it contains no information of a classified nature although all previous reports received by the Knoxville Office have been classified as ~~Secret~~.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/16/55
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Report of SA [redacted] dated 7/15/55 at
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 10/12/55

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - RRe Bureau letters captioned as above 7/20/55,
8/1/55 and 8/2/55.

Referenced Bureau letters reflect the results of a review of Bureau indices regarding the known relatives of the subject described on the last page of a report made in Omaha 3/23/55 in instant case. This information made available by the Bureau supplemented an indices review for the same individuals by Los Angeles, which is reflected in Los Angeles letter 5/3/55.

In an effort to determine the present whereabouts of the subject, Los Angeles is requested to conduct the following investigation, utilizing the information reflected in referenced Bulets and above-mentioned Omaha report, copies of which have been furnished Los Angeles.

Ascertain the present residence address of the subject's relatives who, with the possible exception of SAM GERTZ, an uncle, have been last reported residing in Los Angeles, California. Upon locating these individuals in Los Angeles, will request Bureau authorization to institute a 60 day mail cover on each of the relatives in consideration of the possibility that subject may be in contact with them. Will also institute appropriate toll call coverage for the relatives.

In addition, will conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain possibility of developing a highly confidential source of information on one or more of the relatives in an attempt to develop information which might assist in ascertaining the subject's whereabouts and past activities. If such investigation appears feasible, will request Bureau authority in accordance with present Bureau regulations.

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Will also conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain whether or not [redacted]

[redacted] PEARL and PAUL SILVER, are residing in Los Angeles. If so, will also institute mail and toll call coverage concerning them.

If above is negative or inadvisable, will request Bureau authority to interview each of the relatives concerning their knowledge of the subject's present whereabouts, background and activities. In addition, emphasis should be given to the following:

(1) Whether or not the subject and his immediate family departed Sioux City, Iowa, for Russia during 1932 or 1933. If so, what was exact date and place of departure?

(2) Did subject's mother, father, and two known brothers remain in Russia, or did they, at any time, return to the United States?

(3) Is [redacted]
[redacted]
known to them? If so, develop all information relating to subject's association with [redacted]

(4) Develop all information relating to the subject's assignment at the Oak Ridge Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1944-1945, while a member of the U. S. Army.

(5) Develop all information relating to subject's subversive background, political sympathies, and possible espionage activities.

It is noted that the above pertinent questions are listed only as a guide and in any instance where a relative is cooperative, an exhaustive effort should be made to develop all phases of the subject's background and activities in the United States and abroad.

Concerning the proposed interviews with the relatives, it is noted that on the basis of information that has been developed, Mrs. PEARL SILVER and HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL appear to be the best potential sources of information concerning the subject because of the following:

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MRS. TH. SILVER
[REDACTED] PEARL SILVER may possibly be identical with the [REDACTED] with whom the subject reportedly resided at 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, New York, during 1941, the approximate time of the subject's suspected return to the United States from Russia.

HARRY GURSHTEL, identified as being active with the subject's father during 1932 in a Jewish organization advocating colonization of a region in Russia, reportedly traveled to Russia around 1934, at which time he may have contacted the KOVAL family. In consideration of the above, it is requested that PEARL SILVER and HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL be the first of the subject's relatives interviewed and that they be interviewed simultaneously. *11/1/55*

The sequence of the remaining interviews should be governed by the nature of subversive activity known for each of the other relatives.

CHICAGO DIVISION

A review of Bureau indices has reflected that according to a report in 1951 from ONI, Mr. and Mrs. S. GERTZ, who had a married daughter, GRACE GERTZ LUBOR, resided at 4647 North Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

In consideration of the possibility that the Mr. S. GERTZ, described above, and his daughter, Mrs. GRACE GERTZ LUBOR, may be identical with the SAM GERTZ, divorced husband of PEARL SILVER, subject's aunt, and the GRACE GERTZ, subject's cousin, Chicago is requested to review its indices concerning these individuals and in the absence of derogatory information, will interview them concerning the subject in accordance with instructions previously noted herein for Los Angeles.

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The Bureau's attention is directed to the report of SA [REDACTED] at New York, 6/29/55, in instant case, which reflects information concerning [REDACTED] described as one of two men who, during 1941, were being considered as the successor to the subject's position with the Raven Electric Company, operated by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN. [REDACTED] was subsequently identified as [REDACTED] who

*8-20-55 [REDACTED] QUI RES VILLAGE
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presently resides at [redacted]
Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

The files of the NYO reflect the following
derogatory information possibly identifiable with [redacted]
[redacted] reflected in reports furnished by G-2 during
1944:

[redacted] signed an independent nominating
petition of the CP on 8/20/40 and on 1/31/42. He also
signed a CP petition while residing at [redacted]
Brooklyn, New York. G-2 advised that [redacted] acknowledged
signing the CP petitions and admitted attending CP meetings
from 1935-1939 and contributing small amounts to the CP
from 1935-1938, although he denied ever being a member of
the CP.

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Bureau authority is requested to interview [redacted]
regarding his knowledge of subject's background and activities.

ENCLOSURES:

TO LOS ANGELES:

One passport photograph of subject taken
during 1948.

One passport photograph of [redacted]
taken during 1947.

TO CHICAGO:

One passport photograph of subject taken during
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ReNYlet 10-12-55.

In accordance with current regulations, should LA request Bureau authority for mail cover, such request should be limited to 30-day period. Thereafter, should authority be sought for additional 30-day period, justification therefor should be set forth.

In absence of some indication that a highly confidential source might disclose information of value to this investigation, it should not be considered.

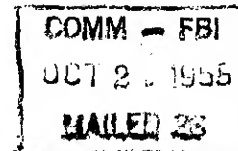
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For information of NY, Bureau files re [redacted] being reviewed, upon completion of which advisability of authorizing interview will be considered and NY advised.

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 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)
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Rerep 9/16/55, NY, captioned as above.

Referenced report identifies the following as faculty members of the College of the City of NY (CCNY), who, according to the records of that institution, taught the subject during the Army Special Training Program during the period 1943-1944:



In an effort to develop any information the above might possibly recall concerning the subject, Bureau authority is requested to interview them.

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According to Bureau regulations, which require comment concerning the reliability of faculty members to be interviewed, it is noted that SA [redacted] former liaison agent for the NYO with CCNY, advised on 10/12/55, that with the exception of [redacted] each of the above individuals have been contacted at CCNY in the past relevant to applicant investigations of the NYO, and were cooperative.

Concerning [redacted] SA [redacted] advised that he has been exceptionally helpful to the NYO in the past.

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It is noted that [redacted] CCNY, NYC, was listed by the subject as a reference in an application executed by him for AEC during 1944.

The indices of the NYO, as reviewed on 10/15/55, reflected no record for each of the faculty members of CCNY, mentioned herein, with the exception of [redacted]. The information determined identifiable with [redacted] reflected nothing of a subversive or derogatory nature.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: George Koval, suspected Soviet espionage agent, studied at College of the City of New York (CCNY) 1943-1944, under Army Special Training Program where he received instruction from following listed faculty members:

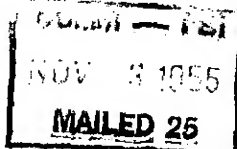


Thereafter Koval was assigned on Atomic project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee (1944-1945). In 1948, he departed US for Europe and appears to have disappeared behind the Iron Curtain.

By relet New York requested Bureau authority to interview above faculty members to develop further information concerning Koval. New York advises that with the exception

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of [] each of listed faculty members has been contacted at CCNY in the past relative to applicant investigations and was cooperative, stating that [] (listed by Koval as reference in 1944) has been exceptionally helpful in the past. New York advises their indices contain no record for each of the listed faculty members. Bureau references have not been reviewed re [] Bufiles contain no information which can be identified with [] on basis of available identifying data.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Cumberland, Maryland, who was of SED, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, March, 1944, to February, 1946, recalled the subject but stated he had no knowledge of the subject's assignment at Oak Ridge and knew nothing of his activities there.

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DETAILS:

Inquiries were made to locate and interview former Special Engineers Detachment, U. S. Army, at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

AT CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

The following investigation was conducted by SA

On September 19, 1955, Terrace, Cumberland, Maryland, advised he was presently

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employed as a Mechanical Engineer with the Kelly-Springfield Tire Company, Kelly Boulevard, Cumberland. During World War II he served with the U. S. Army Engineers and last held the rank of Captain. From March, 1944, to February, 1946, he was assigned as the [redacted] of the Special Engineers Detachment, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

[redacted] was unable to recall the subject by name but stated he would check the yearbook of the Special Engineers Detachment in an effort to identify the subject in his mind. b7C

On September 29, 1955, [redacted] was contacted at his place of employment, Kelly-Springfield Tire Company, Cumberland. He said he could recall GEORGE KOVAL, after a check of the yearbook, only as being one of a group of approximately one thousand who served [redacted] at Oak Ridge. He had no knowledge of subject's assignment or of the particular work in which subject was engaged while at Oak Ridge. He could recall no close contact he had with KOVAL and knew nothing of his activities at Oak Ridge away from work.

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During the course of interview with [redacted] on September 29, 1955, he stated that the man who served as [redacted] of the Special Engineers Detachment, a [redacted] might have knowledge of the subject. [redacted] was last known to be a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, and employed by a steel company in that city, according to [redacted]

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[redacted] name is not listed in the Baltimore City Telephone Directory. As there is no definite indication that he was an associate of the subject or that he has information concerning the subject's activities at Oak Ridge, no effort will be made to locate and interview him unless specifically requested to do so by the Office of Origin.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will note from the information on the Administrative Page that no effort will be made to locate [redacted] for interview in the absence of a specific request to do so.

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REFERENCE

Pittsburgh letter dated 9/14/55.
Report of SA [redacted] dated 7/15/55 at Knoxville.

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November 2, 1955

Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL
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Re Bulet 10/25/55. Bureau authority granted to interview [redacted] in accordance with regulations governing interviews of security subjects.

Prior to such interview, agents should completely familiarize themselves with information concerning [redacted] available in files of New York office, it being noted that [redacted] was interviewed by agents of the New York office on 7/14/55, as set forth in report of SA [redacted] dated 8/18/55, captioned "Unknown Subject, was., [redacted] Espionage - R."

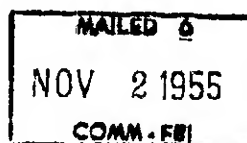
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NOTE:

[redacted] was subject of extensive investigation by G-2 which disclosed he had signed CP nominating petitions (1940-42) and was associated with a later employee of AEC known to have been closely associated with persons implicated in Trotsky assassination. According to G-2, [redacted] admitted attending CP meetings 1935-39 and contributing to CP 1935-38, although denying ever being CP member. [redacted] was one of two men who in 1941, were being considered as successors to subject's position with Raven Electric Company [redacted]

[redacted] previously interviewed by New York agents on 7/14/55, without incident. Only main file reviewed at Bureau.

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Interview of [redacted] authorized.

cc - 1 - New York (65-16756) for info

NOTE: [redacted] currently employed at University of California Radiation Laboratories, Livermore, California, was [redacted] while both were employed with Army Special Engineering Detachment at the Clinton Laboratories, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in 1944-45. [redacted] was subject of Atomic Energy - Applicant Investigation in 1947 initiated on basis of allegations he had supported [redacted] stand in favor of Russia, was a reader of "PM" and had made pro-Russian remarks. Other fellow employees and officials expressed favorable opinions re [redacted] describing original informants as unreliable.

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ARNOLD KRAMISH

Bufiles reflect that Arnold Kramish was born 6-6-23 at Denver, Colorado, son of Polish-born parents who subsequently became U.S. citizens by naturalization. He obtained his B.S. degree from Denver University in 1945; attended City College of New York (ASTP) in 1943-44; and obtained an M.A. degree from Harvard in 1947. He served in U.S. Army from March, 1943, to February, 1946, during which period he performed research work in nuclear physics, and from September, 1944, to May, 1945, was loaned by the Army to the Fereolcve Corporation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In the Summer, 1946, he assisted in declassification of scientific documents at the Los Alamos project, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Kramish was granted a Q clearance 6-27-47 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and was transferred to Washington, D. C., in February, 1949. From 2-7-49 to 10-1-51, Kramish was employed by Atomic Energy Commission as intelligence specialist, Washington, D. C. He was last reported (6-7-54) to be employed by Rand, Inc., Santa Monica, California, with which company he had entered on duty on 10-2-51 as a physical scientist in nuclear energy. Although employed by Rand, Inc., he also served as a classification consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission. Arnold Kramish was subject of AEA - Applicant investigation in 1947 and of an AEA - Employee investigation in 1954. Neither investigation disclosed information of a derogatory nature.

While employed as analyst in the office of the Director of Intelligence of AEA and while in Washington as an employee of Rand, Inc., Kramish served as a contact of the Washington Field office, furnishing information in a number of investigations on a confidential basis. He is said

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to be an advanced student of Russian, Polish and other Slavic languages, has been actively employed in the past in analyzing foreign intelligence relative to scientific developments in Russia and satellite countries and has been described by persons interviewed in connection with his studies as a brilliant student who was considered completely loyal.

It is suggested that he be interviewed in this matter by agents of the Los Angeles office inasmuch as it appears he would have been acquainted with the subject while studying at CCNY and possibly while assigned at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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Other than such as is already available to New York, Bufiles contain no information which can be identified with [redacted] on the basis of available identifying data.

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To : Director, FBI (65-62911)
From : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
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Date: 11-1-55

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☒ Domestic Intelligence Division
☐ Investigative Division

Name: HARRY & GOLDIE GURSHTEL
Address: 15203 Hartsook Street, Sherman Oaks, California
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Type of Cover: Return address

Period Covered: Thirty day

Purpose of Cover: Ascertain if subject, GEORGE KOVAL, is in contact with above relatives.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau. If necessary continue on extra page.)

The whereabouts of GEORGE KOVAL is unknown. Bureau letter to New York, dated 4-7-55, states in part that every attempt should be made to determine subject's possible re-entry into the United States subsequent to his departure in 1948. A letter states that from information developed to date, it appears quite possible that GEORGE KOVAL accompanied other members of his family to Russia in 1932 where he was recruited into the Soviet Intelligence Service, trained and dispatched to the United States in the latter part of 1940 or very early part of 1941. No embarrassment to Bureau anticipated.

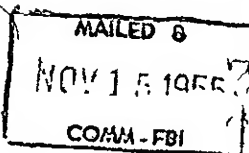
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Transmit the following ~~TELETYPE~~ message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES

11/14/55

11:45 A.M.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL. ESPIONAGE - R.

OO NY

Rerep SA [REDACTED] 3/23/55, at Omaha; Bulet to NY, cc WFO, 4/7/55; Bulet to NY, 11/4/55, requesting LA interview ARNOLD KRAMISH.

KRAMISH now employed Rand Corp., 1625 Eye St. N.W., Cafritz Bldg., Wash., D.C.

Attached is copy of Bulet to NY, 11/4/55, for WFO.

WFO handle.

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CC: WASHINGTON FIELD (Encl. 1)
NEW YORK (65-16756)

Mr. Belmont

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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former professional associate of subject at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, interviewed 11/7/55. Could provide no information re subject's activities or associates away from work; received no indication re subject's political leanings and had no data re subject's background or activities since 1946.

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DETAILS:

AT LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA:

Health Physics Group, Livermore Site, University of California Radiation Laboratory, was interviewed on November 7, 1955, by SA

advised that he first met the subject in

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about 1944 while both were in the United States Army and were assigned to the Health Physics Group at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. [] said he was acquainted with the subject for about one to one and one-half years under these circumstances. He said he only knew the subject professionally and knew nothing about his social life, outside activities or acquaintances. [] said most of the discussions he had with the subject were related to their work and that he received no indication of the subject's possible political affiliations or nationalistic sympathies.

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[] advised that he had no recollection that the subject ever did or said anything in his presence which raised any question in his mind concerning the subject's character, loyalty or patriotism. [] said he was unfamiliar with the subject's background and also he did not have any information regarding the subject's activities after he, [] left Oak Ridge in 1946.

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In the course of the interview of [redacted] he advised that one [redacted] was a social and professional associate of the subject while they were stationed at Oak Ridge. He advised that [redacted] is currently employed at the Mounds Laboratory of the Monsanto Chemical Company, Miamisburg, Ohio.

The desirability of having [redacted] interviewed by the Cincinnati Office is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin, inasmuch as San Francisco is not aware of the extent of investigation previously conducted and is not in a position to evaluate the desirability of such interview.

Information concerning [redacted] reflected by Security Files of the San Francisco Operations Office of the AEC, which was set out in mylet of 10/21/55, has not been used in this report as a characterization of [redacted] since it appears that the allegations concerning him were unsubstantiated.

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REFERENCES:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/16/55
at New York.
San Francisco letter to Bureau dated 10/20/55.
Bureau letter to San Francisco dated 11/1/55.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: November 17, 1955

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (65-4049)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R
O.O. NY

Re New York letter to Bureau, dated October 12, 1955,
captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Houston Office is one copy of
referenced New York letter for assistance in covering lead set
forth therein, which was previously designated for the Chicago
Office.

The following summary of information is being set
forth for the Houston Office which has not received previous
communications concerning this investigation:

The subject, during 1942, was employed by the Raven
Electric Company, New York, New York

During 1945, the subject was employed in the Health
and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge,
Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have
varied from "unclassified" to "~~top secret~~".

In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading
Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative",
he was issued a passport for travel to European countries, which
included Poland.

On October 3, 1948, he departed from the United States
aboard the "SS America", destined for Le Havre, France. His
whereabouts since that period are unknown.

Available background data developed in Sioux City,
Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen
of Polish derivation, who departed from the United States in
1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: GEORGE KOVAL

Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939, or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York.

On October 3, 1955, [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] that GRACE LUBOR and her father had resided at the above address but moved to an unknown address in 1953. She further stated that she could not furnish any additional information concerning GRACE LUBOR or her father, and that no one else in the building could furnish any information concerning LUBOR, since they are all new tenants.

On October 3, 1955, [redacted]
Mails, Ravenswood Branch Post Office Station, 2311 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, which covers the address of GRACE LUBOR, furnished SA [redacted] a change of address card for one LUBOR, first name or middle initial not given, [redacted] Chicago, who moved to [redacted] Houston, Texas, on November 20, 1953.

The files of the Chicago Office contain no information identifiable with [redacted]

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted]

[redacted] PETRINOVIC deceased during 1950 or 1951, and survived by [redacted] residing Venezuela. Letter may have information re KOVAL's relations with FULNESCO PETRINOVIC. [redacted] Bronx, NY, advised that [redacted] married to [redacted] and residing at [redacted] La Verne, California. Information re last known whereabouts of ARNOLD KRAMISH, [redacted] set forth. Information re WILLIAM A. ROSE set forth.

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DETAILS:

RE THE SUBJECT'S EMPLOYMENT WITH
THE ATLAS TRADING CORPORATION

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., which were reviewed by SA [REDACTED] on July 27, 1954, and August 2, 1954, reflected that GEORGE KOVAL, born December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa, was issued Passport No. 170092 on March 15, 1948, for proposed travel on business for the Atlas Trading Corporation (ATC), New York City, to France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden and Poland.

Issuance of the passport was requested by a letter dated March 8, 1948, from the Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York 4, New York, and was signed by [REDACTED]. The letter reflected that KOVAL would act as a commissioned representative of the ATC in the countries to which travel was designated in the passport application.

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[REDACTED] ATC, New York City, advised SA [REDACTED] on February 10, 1955, that he has been employed by the ATC since 1951, and had never known any one by the name of GEORGE KOVAL as having been employed by that concern. [REDACTED] stated that the ATC was incorporated during 1937 by P. R. RINCONES, who sold his interest in the ATC around 1949, and returned to Venezuela where he is a member of the American Chamber of Commerce.

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When questioned as to whether the records of the ATC might contain additional information regarding the nature of the association between KOVAL and PETRINOVIC, [] replied in the negative, citing that the policy of the company was to maintain records no longer than five years.

Re FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC

FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC was described by [] as a Yugoslav by birth, who later became a Chilean by naturalization. He was a multimillionaire, who accumulated his wealth in the Chilean nitrate business. PETRINOVIC died in Chile during 1950 or 1951, being survived by [] who reside in Venezuela.

[] was described as a possible source of information regarding the relationship that existed between KOVAL and FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC.

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[] FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC, a Yugoslav industrialist, was an important anti-Communist leader in Chile. []

PETRINOVIC and his family had given large sums of money to the TITO Government and that TITO'S ambassador in London was a bosom friend of the PETRINOVIC family.

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[] When Chile severed relations with Yugoslavia, FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC denied his previous support of TITO and denounced the Communists. PETRINOVIC was living at that time in New York and was giving financial assistance to the Croatian Peasants' Party, led by Dr. VLADIMIR MACEK.

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It is noted that during October, 1955, Dr. VLADIMIR MACEK, a resident of Washington, D.C., was identified by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, as the head of the Croatian Peasants' Party in the United States.

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The Croatian Peasants' Party was described by [redacted] as an anti-Fascist and anti-Communist group with policy favorable to the United States.

Re [redacted]

[redacted] New York City, was recontacted on October 10, 1955, regarding the whereabouts of [redacted] whom he had previously described on February 23, 1955, as a [redacted] just prior to his departure from the United States during 1948. [redacted] stated that following a careful re-check of his personal records, he believes [redacted] resided with her parents at [redacted] Bronx, New York, rather than 1285 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York, as he had originally reported.

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[redacted] was unable to furnish additional information concerning [redacted] or her parents.

On October 17, 1955, [redacted] apartment building at [redacted] Bronx, New York, advised that a family with the surname [redacted] had resided in Apartment 5A, that address, during the approximate period of 1946 - 1952. The family consisted of [redacted]

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[redacted] believed that the family moved to California during the early part of 1952.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Bronx, New York, advised on October 17, 1955, that she had been casually acquainted with the [redacted] family during their residence in an adjoining apartment at her present address. She stated that [redacted] married [redacted] in Los Angeles, California, shortly after the family moved to that city during 1951 or 1952. [redacted] last known address is [redacted], La Verne, California.

The indices of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as reviewed on October 18, 1955, reflected no record for [redacted]

RE ARNOLD KRAMISH [redacted]
[redacted]

Re ARNOLD KRAMISH

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[redacted] Research Atomic Industry Forum, Inc., 260 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised on October 7, 1955, that ARNOLD KRAMISH terminated his employment with that corporation during August, 1955. KRAMISH indicated his home residence as 3633 Everett Street, Northwest, Washington 8, D.C.

It is noted that [redacted] a former member of the subject's Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) class at the College of the City of New York, (CCNY), advised SA [redacted] on May 4, 1955, that ARNOLD KRAMISH (possibly identical with the ARNOLD KRAMISH described above), was friendly with the subject during the latter's attendance at that college. [redacted] also believed that KRAMISH was subsequently employed by the Atomic Energy Commission.

Re [redacted]
[redacted] General Cable Corporation,

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420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, advised on October 12, 1955, that [redacted] terminated his employment with that corporation during the latter part of 1954. During his employment with the General Cable Corporation, [redacted] resided at [redacted] Bound Brook, New Jersey. [redacted] was unable to furnish information pertaining to [redacted] present place of employment.

It is noted that [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information on May 9, 1955, which identified [redacted] North Plainfield, New Jersey, as one of two men who were being considered as the successor to the subject's position with the Raven Electric Company, New York City.

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It is also noted that [redacted] Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey, advised SA [redacted] on July 1, 1955, that [redacted] moved during 1951 or 1952 to [redacted] Bound Brook, New Jersey.

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Re [redacted]

[redacted] Payroll Office, CCNY, advised SA [redacted] on October 26, 1955, that [redacted] was an instructor at that university from September, 1946 until his resignation, effective August, 1948. At the time of his resignation, [redacted] listed his home residence as [redacted] Bronx, New York.

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It is noted that [redacted] former member of the subject's ASTP class, CCNY, advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on May 25, 1955, that [redacted] Electrical Engineering Instructor, CCNY, 1947 - 1948, was closely acquainted with the subject during the period 1946 - 1948.

RE WILLIAM A. ROSE

[redacted] Intelligence Section, United States Coast Guard, on October 19, 1955, made available to SA [redacted] the following information concerning WILLIAM A. ROSE which was reflected in the latter's application dated July 27, 1942, to the United States Coast Guard for an Identification Card:

Name	WILLIAM A. ROSE
Address	71 Ridge Road Rutherford, New Jersey
Born	October 13, 1876 Boston, Massachusetts
Occupation	Contact - Consulting Electrical Engineer
Employer	Raven Electric Company 11 West 25th Street New York City
Coast Guard Identification Card (green) Serial No.	031-712441, issued July 20, 1942

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It is noted that [] previously mentioned, made available information on May 9, 1955, that WILLIAM A. ROSE, Contractual Electrical Engineer Consultant with the Raven Electric Company during July, 1942, had information concerning the subject's employment with that company. The informant advised that ROSE identified himself by displaying United States Coast Guard card with Serial No. 712441, issued by the port of New York.

RE []

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the 1940 - 1955 Board of Election records for the Borough of Bronx, caused to be searched by SE [] on September 8, 1955, reflected no record for [] [] Bronx, New York.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services caused to be searched by SA [] on October 7, 1955, reflected no record for [] Bronx, New York.

It is noted that [] previously mentioned, made available information on May 9, 1955, which reflected that the subject indicated his residence during 1942 to be 3470 Cannon Place, Apartment I 42, Bronx, New York, In Care of []

Miscellaneous

[] a confidential source abroad, advised on September 7, 1955, that no trace of the subject's travel to Paris, France could be located.

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[redacted] previously mentioned, advised on August 26, 1955
[redacted] have no information concerning the
subject. (S) Information is Classified per OGA
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ENCLOSURE TO LOS ANGELES

One (1) passport photograph of the subject dated
March, 1948.

ENCLOSURE TO NEWARK

One (1) passport photograph of the subject dated
March, 1948.

ENCLOSURE TO WASHINGTON FIELD

One (1) passport photograph of the subject dated
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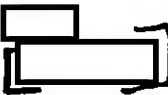
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MISCELLANEOUS

This report has been classified "Secret"

LEADS

BOSTON

At Boston, Massachusetts

1. Will, through appropriate sources, attempt to develop background information regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE, born October 13, 1876, Boston, Mass.

2. Will check attendance records of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to ascertain if WILLIAM A. ROSE attended that institute and report any available information.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

1. Will contact [redacted]
and [redacted] regarding the subject.

At La Verne, California

Will attempt to locate [redacted]
at [redacted] to interview her concerning her knowledge
of subject's activities and associates giving particular emphasis
to subject's employment and destination when he departed the US
during October, 1948.

NEWARK

At Bound Brook, New Jersey

Will attempt to locate [redacted] Bound
Brook, to interview him concerning his knowledge of the subject's
activities and employment with the Raven Electric Company. Also
develop any information concerning the subject's relations with
BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, owner of the Raven Electric Company, and
WILLIAM A. ROSE, Consulting Engineer for that company during
1942.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

NEWARK (CONT'D)

At Rutherford, New Jersey

Will make inquiry at 71 Ridge Road to ascertain if WILLIAM A. ROSE resided at that address; if so, develop all pertinent information. In event WILLIAM A. ROSE is unknown to the present occupant, and if that occupant's residence is subsequent to 1945, will ascertain owner or occupant of residence for period 1942 - 1945 and attempt to locate and interview regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

1. Will attempt to locate ARNOLD KRAMISH, at 3633 Everett Street, Northwest, to interview him regarding his knowledge of subject's activities and associates.

2. Will locate and interview [redacted] regarding his knowledge of activities and political sympathies of FRANCISCO PETRIMOVIC and latter's operation of ATC, New York City.

3. Will contact [redacted] regarding the subject.

BALTIMORE (INFORMATION)

At Baltimore, Maryland

One copy of this report has been designated for Baltimore inasmuch as that office is presently conducting investigation re this case.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will upon receipt of Bureau authority, interview the following faculty members of CCNY regarding the subject:

[REDACTED]

2. Will attempt to locate [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Bronx, to interview him regarding the subject.

3. Will recontact [REDACTED] in an effort to identify the electrical engineering professor at MIT, who was described by [REDACTED] as a friend of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4. Will review indices regarding FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC to develop any information which might assist this investigation.

5. Will make inquiry at CCNY regarding last known address for [REDACTED] listed as references by subject for AEC.

6. Will recontact [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Bronx, and display a photograph of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in US during 1944, in an effort to establish that subject was in contact with him.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

NEW YORK (CONT'D)

7. Will recontact [redacted] Engine Company No. 35, Bronx, regarding any additional information he may have concerning the subject.

8. Will recontact [redacted] ATC, regarding correspondence files of that company for the year 1948.

9. Will report results of contact with following informants: [redacted] and [redacted]

REFERENCE

NY report of SA [redacted] 9/16/55.

To : Director, FBI (65-62911)
From : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE-R

Date: 11-1-55

Attention:

☒ Domestic Intelligence Division
☐ Investigative Division

Name: PEARL ~~SILVER~~

Address: 1209 North Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles, California

Type of Mail: First class

Type of Cover: Return address

Period Covered: 30 day

Purpose of Cover: Ascertain if subject, GEORGE KOVAL, is in contact with his aunt, PEARL SILVER.

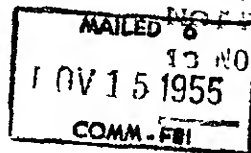
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To : Director, FBI (65-62911)
From : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE-R

Date: 11-1-55

Attention:

☒ Domestic Intelligence Division
☐ Investigative Division

Name: EUGENE SILVER
Address: 4811 North Rosewood Avenue, Los Angeles, California
Apartment 7
Type of Mail: First class
Type of Cover: Return address

Period Covered: 30 day

Purpose of Cover: Ascertain if subject, GEORGE KOVAL, is in contact
with his cousin, EUGENE SILVER.

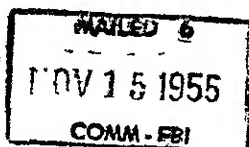
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Request for Mail Cover Authorization
FD-227 (12-10-54)

To : Director, FBI (65-62911)
From : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE-R

Date: 11-1-55

Attention:

☒ Domestic Intelligence Division
☐ Investigative Division

Name: SARAH BEGUN

Address: 916 North Alfred Street, Los Angeles, California

Type of Mail: First class

Type of Cover: Return address

Period Covered: 30 day

Purpose of Cover: Ascertain if subject, GEORGE KOVAL, is in contact with his aunt, SARAH BEGUN.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau. If necessary continue on extra page.)

The whereabouts of GEORGE KOVAL is unknown. Bureau letter to New York, dated 4-7-55, states in part, that every attempt should be made to determine subject's possible re-entry into the United States subsequent to his departure in 1948. A letter states that from information developed to date, it appears quite possible that GEORGE KOVAL accompanied other members of his family to Russia in 1932 where he was recruited into the Soviet Intelligence Service, trained and dispatched to the United States in the latter part of 1940 or very early part of 1941. No embarrassment to Bureau anticipated.

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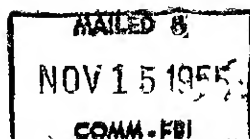
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From SAC, HOUSTON (65-712)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62,911) RM AND SAC, NEW YORK (65-16,756) RMGEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

New York - Origin

Re Chicago letter to Bureau, 11/17/55.

A review of the Houston City Directory indicates that the address at [redacted] is occupied by one [redacted] and has been so occupied since early 1954. [redacted] was listed as a buyer for ARMOUR AND COMPANY in Houston.

On December 19, 1955, [redacted] Clerk, Office of the Superintendent of Mails, advised SA [redacted] that she had no change of address listed for GRACE GERTZ LUBOR or SAM GERTZ, formerly of 4823 Eppes. However, [redacted] advised there had been a change of address in August 11, 1953, from 4823 Eppes for one [redacted] [redacted] Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada.

On December 20, 1955, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] and family resided next door. He stated that at present the [redacted] are on a vacation trip and as best he could recall, they had lived at that address since the latter part of 1953. Prior to that, the house was occupied for a short time by a young Air Force man named [redacted] but he had been transferred. [redacted] advised the name of GRACE LUBOR or SAM GERTZ was unknown to him.

It is noted that [redacted] may be the husband of GRACE LUBOR, mentioned in relet. However, information to verify this is not in possession of the Houston Office.

3 Bureau (65-62,911) RM
2 New York (65-16,756)
1-Houston (65-712)

DWM: krs

Approved: (6)

Mr. Belmont

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Date: 12/22/55

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From SAC, HO

To: BU, NY

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It is further noted the change of address in Chicago for Houston was dated several months after the Houston change of address for [REDACTED]

Accordingly, leads to locate and interview [REDACTED] are left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Houston indices are negative on the above individuals.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tamm

DATE: 12-21-55

FROM : Mr. Belmont

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 65-62911)

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Belmont	_____
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Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
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Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

George Koval, born 12-25-13 at Sioux City, Iowa, is a suspected Soviet intelligence agent. In 1948 he departed the U. S. for Europe and investigation has failed to disclose his present whereabouts.

On 2-4-43, upon induction into the U. S. Army, Koval's fingerprints were taken and subsequently forwarded to the Identification Division.

ACTION:

It is requested that a stop be placed on the fingerprint file of George Koval in order that the Espionage Section may be advised immediately in the event any information is received indicating his whereabouts.

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GEORGE KOVAL
SPIONAGE - R

For your information, flash notice has been placed in fingerprint file on subject in order that Bureau may be advised immediately in the event any information is received indicating his whereabouts.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: January 5, 1956

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R
(OO: New York)

Reference Los Angeles letter to Director dated May 3, 1955,
Bulet to New York dated April 7, 1955, and New York letter to Director
dated October 12, 1955.

Thirty-day mail covers have been placed on the following
relatives of GEORGE KOVAL for the purpose of ascertaining possible leads
as to his present whereabouts:

PEARL SILVER, aunt, 1209 North Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles;

EUGENE SILVER, cousin, 4811 North Rosewood Avenue, Apartment 7,
Los Angeles;

HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, uncle and aunt, 15203 Hartsook
Street, Sherman Oaks, California;

SARAH BEGUN, aunt, 1425 North Formosa Avenue, Los Angeles.

Results of these mail covers are not complete as yet.

Investigation conducted at Corcoran, California, during
November and December 1955 to ascertain the current whereabouts of [redacted]
[redacted] cousin of GEORGE KOVAL and [redacted] above,
was conducted by SA [redacted] as follows:

It was ascertained that [redacted] has recently married one
[redacted] who has resided at both Oakland, California, and
Los Angeles during the recent months. [redacted] is employed as a
ranch foreman for the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company at Corcoran, California.
On November 18, 1955, shortly after his marriage to [redacted]
[redacted] was transferred to the J. G. Boswell Ranch at Marionette, Arizona.
[redacted] formerly resided at [redacted] Hanford, California.

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cc - (2) New York (65-16756) (Reg.)
(2) Phoenix (65-New) (Enc. - 1) (Reg.)

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[redacted] Central California Telephone Company at Corcoran, California, advised on November 18, 1955 that [redacted] had telephone service from April 1954 to June 1955, telephone number 694M, and from July 15, 1955 to September 23, 1955, telephone number 632M. He furnished to SA [redacted] records of long distance calls made by [redacted] from these numbers, which total forty-four. The majority of these calls were made from [redacted] both at Oakland and at Los Angeles, California. Those telephone calls made to other persons identified from these records are being checked through the Los Angeles indices and identifying information concerning these persons will be included in a forthcoming report. None of these calls appears to be identified with the subject.

A mail cover on [redacted] has reflected that mail was received on December 5, 1955 from [redacted] Marionette, Arizona.

A mail cover on HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, as reflected above, beginning on November 26, 1955, reflects numerous correspondence of both commercial and personal nature. It is noted that this mail cover reflects that on December 5, 1955 a communication addressed to GOLDIE GURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Street, Sherman Oaks, California, was received from M. KOVAL, S. Cayetano, F.C.G.R., Republic of Argentina. The post-mark on this communication was not legible. On December 9, 1955 a letter was received by GOLDIE GURSHTEL Air Mail from Israel. Sender's name was illegible.

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For the information of the Phoenix Office, the following is being set forth:

This investigation is predicated on information that subject was born Sioux City, Iowa, December 25, 1913, December 25, 1914, or September 25, 1914, and resided with his parents, ABRAHAM and ETHEL KOVAL, at 619 Virginia Street, until 1932 when the entire family, including two additional brothers, ISAIAH KOVAL and GABRIEL KOVAL, departed the United States for Russia to settle in Biro-Bidjan Region.

Information was since developed that GEORGE KOVAL was employed [redacted] at the Raven Electrical Company from 1939 to 1943, entered the United States Army, and was assigned to Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, with access to highly classified material. [redacted]

[redacted] KOVAL's whereabouts and activities since 1948 are presently unknown.

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The Bureau has advised by letter dated April 7, 1955 that from information developed it appears quite possible that GEORGE KOVAL accompanied other members of his family to Russia in 1932 where he was recruited into the Soviet Intelligence Service, trained, and dispatched to the United States in the latter part of 1940 or very early part of 1941. The Bureau has stated it is of extreme importance to determine (1) when and how he returned to the United States, and (2) the exact circumstances surrounding his assignment to the project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The Bureau has further instructed that every attempt should be made to determine his possible re-entry into the United States subsequent to his departure in 1948. Bureau instructed Los Angeles to conduct investigation to determine present whereabouts of KOVAL's relatives and to consider the advisability of interviewing those presently residing in the Los Angeles area.

For information of the Phoenix Office, HARRY GURSHTEL, GOLDIE GURSHTEL, and PEARL SILVER are all known to be affiliated with the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs from early 1954 to the present date.

The following is a description of GEORGE KOVAL taken September 3, 1931 from the files of the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office, Iowa:

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Address	617 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	17 (1931)
Height	6'
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown (wears glasses)
Complexion	Medium
Marital status	Single
Born	Sioux City, Iowa

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Phoenix is requested to place a thirty-day mail cover on [redacted] possibly receiving mail at [redacted] Marionette, Arizona, and employed for J. G. Boswell Ranch Company. Los Angeles indices reflect no information identifiable with [redacted] Upon completion of mail cover and a telephone toll call cover, Phoenix will consider advisability of interviewing [redacted] in line with those instructions set forth in Bulet dated April 7, 1955, described above.

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Prior Bureau authority should be obtained. One photograph of GEORGE KOVAL is being forwarded as an enclosure.

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Los Angeles will continue the investigation and upon completion of mail covers requested will set forth information identifying correspondents of subject's relatives and will advise the Bureau of the advisability of conducting interviews of these relatives at Los Angeles in accordance with those instructions contained in New York letter to Director, October 12, 1955, and following the directive of the Bureau set forth in Bulet to Los Angeles, October 25, 1955.

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Date: January 16, 1956 (Orig & 1)

NY COURIER SERVICE

To:

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

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Investigation in this matter has disclosed that on 12-5-55 Goldie Gurshtel, Sherman Oaks, California, aunt of George Koval, received a communication from "M. Koval, E. Cayetano, P. C. G. R., Republic of Argentina." From prior reports forwarded to you in this matter it appears quite possible that the author of this communication may in fact be George Koval whose whereabouts since 1948 is unknown.

Inasmuch as circumstances indicate the probable implication of subject in Soviet espionage operations,



For your convenience 2 copies of each of 3 photographs of George Koval are attached and his description is set forth below:

Sex -	Male
Race -	White
Born -	Dec. 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa
Height -	6'
Weight -	170-175 pounds
Hair -	Black - dark brown
Eyes -	Brown
Complexion -	Medium-dark
Occupation -	Electrical Engineer
Marital Status -	Single

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cc - 1 - New York (65-16756) (Info)
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(6-10-53)

FORM No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/11/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/14-16, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29; 12/6, 13, 21, 22, 27/55	REPORT MADE BY jpc
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><i>[Handwritten: 4/5/61 CLASSIFIED 942438]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten: 5/30/59 66]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten: 1-22-56 R/S BMC]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten: 1-17-56]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten: RAD, GUSTAF]</i></p> <p>_____ CCNY, advised that subject probably best known to _____ CCNY, and _____ a CCNY graduate who attended college with KOVAL. Subject and _____ while students at CCNY, assigned project of dismantling classified bombsight. Assignment of project made by either _____ faculty members, CCNY. _____ advised _____ that subject departed U.S. 1940, for Europe ultimately destined for Israel. _____ stated subject's ASTP class, CCNY, consisted of young men whose political thinking as a group followed a liberal and pro-Communist point of view". _____ advised employed with Raven Electric Company, 1940 to 1941. _____ identified photograph of subject as GEORGE KOVAL who was employed by Haven Electric Company early 1941; unable to furnish information regarding subject's background, activities, or political beliefs. Results of recontact with _____ Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, and _____ NYCFD, Bronx, NY, set forth. / No record of _____ residence at _____ Bronx, NY. Subject unknown to _____ and informants having knowledge of certain phases of Soviet espionage activities in U.S. and Europe.</p> <p><i>[Vertical stamp: CONFIDENTIAL]</i></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	- P - DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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DETAILS:

INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Department of Electrical Engineering, College of the City of New York (CCNY), was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on November 29, 1955, and advised the following:

He recalled GEORGE KOVAL as a member of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), CCNY, during the approximate period 1943-1944, and later as a student in the Electrical Engineering Department, CCNY, from 1946 through 1948. KOVAL attended laboratory classes regularly during the latter period and is recalled as an "extremely able student of exceptional intelligence". KOVAL was further described as a quiet and serious student who had few, if any, close associates among the student body and faculty members at CCNY. Of those with whom he had any contact at all it is believed he was best known to [REDACTED] a fellow student, and [REDACTED] who is presently employed at CCNY in that capacity.

KOVAL and [REDACTED] while students at CCNY, were assigned a highly technical project of dismantling a bombsight, which project was assigned to them by either [REDACTED]

present head of that department. The reason and justification of assigning a project involving a classified piece of equipment to students are unknown to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] described his association with KOVAL as being restricted to that of instructor - student relationship and therefore was unable to comment concerning KOVAL'S political beliefs and background. He recalled that during 1948, [REDACTED] advised him that KOVAL was planning to depart the United States in 1948

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for Europe with an ultimate destination of Israel. He also recalled that KOVAL had a "contact" for the purchase of electrical appliances and equipment at an electrical retail store located on the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Lafayette Street, Brooklyn, New York. He believed that the store, the title of which is unknown to [redacted] is presently located at the same address.

[redacted] stated that it is his opinion that the subject's ASTP class at CCNY consisted of young men whose political thinking as a group followed a "liberal and pro-Communist point of view." He described the ASTP at CCNY as a "drastic mistake made by the U. S. Army" in that it selected a college reputed to have a faculty infested with "pro-Communist and liberal-minded" individuals. [redacted] declared he was unable to furnish specific information concerning his above mentioned opinion and allegation.

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

[redacted]
Queens Village, Long Island, New York, was interviewed on December 21, 1955, by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] and advised the following:

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He was employed by the ~~Haven~~ Electric Company (HEC) located in New York City, [redacted] from approximately the spring of 1940 until late 1941. He stated he obtained the employment by answering a want advertisement and noted that he had been working in Hudson, New York, prior to his employment with the HEC. He was one of three employees originally hired by [redacted]. He identified one of the ^{other} employees as [redacted] but could not recall the identity of the third employee. He described the HEC as a wholesale and retail electrical outlet having a sales contract with the General Electric Company for the sale of light bulbs. He described [redacted] as a "poor businessman who was hindered in the operation of his business by [redacted]". He had no reason to suspect [redacted] of being involved in subversive activities.

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He identified a passport photograph of the subject, taken during 1948, as GEORGE KOVAL who was employed with the REC during early 1941. He worked with KOVAL for approximately seven months, but had little contact with him. [] recalled KOVAL as a quiet, intelligent individual who apparently was closely acquainted with [] did not recall any information concerning KOVAL'S background, activities, or political beliefs. He could not recall an incident or a statement made by KOVAL or [] which suggested the possibility that they were related. [] stated that his father,

[] residing at [] Bronx, New York, knew [] in Russia, and might possibly have some information concerning the nature of the relationship between KOVAL and []

[] stated that [] Avenue, Queens, Long Island, New York, was employed by the REC, 1944-1945, and his father, FRANK, was employed by the REC for a few months during 1943.

[] stated he did not know WILLIAM A. ROSE or [] and denied having knowledge that he, [] had been considered as a replacement for GEORGE KOVAL'S position with the REC during the summer of 1942. He emphatically stated that he had no further contact with the REC or [] after he left the company during the latter part of 1941.

[] a confidential source abroad, advised the following information during July, 1952 attributed to [] whom [] has described as having supplied accurate information in the past, but who has not always supplied complete information and has apparently withheld information on various occasions. ~~24~~

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Based upon the known activities and background of [REDACTED] Raven Electric Company, New York City, it was the informant's opinion that [REDACTED]

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WILLIAM A. ROSE

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on May 9, 1955, which reflected that WILLIAM A. ROSE, Contractual Electrical Engineering Consultant with the REC during July, 1942, had information concerning the subject's employment with the REC.

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[REDACTED] previously mentioned, made available information on May 9, 1955, which reflected that on June 22, 1942, [REDACTED] REC, New York City, indicated that [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York, and [REDACTED] North Plainfield, New Jersey, were described by [REDACTED] as possible successors to KOVAL'S position at the REC.

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[redacted]

[redacted] Newark, New Jersey, was interviewed at Newark, New Jersey, on March 3, 1952, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. At which time [redacted] advised that he and [redacted] business at 4 West 22nd Street, New York City, assisted [redacted] in establishing an electrical supply business in New York City around 1940. [redacted] noted that he was introduced to [redacted] whom he described as being friendly with the former. [redacted] stated that he [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Attorney handling the general assignment of the HEC, in favor of creditors, made available on February 14, 1952, various books and records relating to the operation of that company to SA [redacted] and SA(A) [redacted]

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The records disclosed that [redacted] New York City, was employed with the HEC from November 1, 1948, to November 3, 1950.

[redacted]

[redacted] Street, Forest Hills, New York, advised SAs [redacted] on July 19, 1950, that [redacted] an employee of the HEC, resided at [redacted] New York City. [redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] frequently praised the principles of Communism and in [redacted] opinion had attempted to influence his thinking in that direction during conversations he had with them.

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INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
the Atlas Trading Corporation (ATC), 17 Battery Place, New York City, was recontacted on December 27, 1955, and advised that the correspondence files of the ATC for the year 1948, were stored in a warehouse located at 97 Gold Street, New York City. [REDACTED] stated that he would advise the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation when the files would be available for review.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., as reviewed by SA [REDACTED] on July 27, 1954, and August 2, 1954, reflected that issuance of a passport for the subject was requested by a letter dated March 8, 1948, from the ATC, 17 Battery Place, New York City.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BRONX, NEW YORK

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[REDACTED] New York City Fire Department (NYCFD), Engine Company #35, East 119th Street, Bronx, New York, was recontacted on November 29, 1955, and advised that he recalls that the name GEORGE KOVAL was listed in the "New York Journal American" (a daily newspaper) during the spring of 1951 or 1952, as a winner of \$500 in the Irish Sweepstakes. Mr. KOVAL stated that with the exception of the above, he is unable to furnish additional information concerning the subject.

[REDACTED] was originally interviewed concerning the subject on August 6, 1954, by SA [REDACTED], at which time he pointed

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out that mail apparently addressed to the subject had been delivered to him by mistake.

REGARDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Bronx, New York, advised on November 28, 1955, that his records reflect no record of tenancy for [REDACTED] suggested that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Bronx, New York, be contacted concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] described above, was contacted at her place of business, 2190 Broadway, New York City, on November 28, 1955, and made a review of tenancy records for the apartment house at [REDACTED] Bronx, for the years 1940 to present, which failed to reflect a residence record for [REDACTED] or for the surname [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a member of the subject's ASTP class, CCNY, advised SAs [REDACTED] on May 25, 1955, that [REDACTED] instructor, CCNY, 1947-1948, was closely acquainted with the subject during the period 1946-1948.

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[REDACTED] Payroll Office, CCNY, advised SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1955, that [REDACTED] at that university from September, 1946 until his resignation, effective August, 1948. At the time of his resignation, [REDACTED] listed his home residence as [REDACTED], Bronx, New York.

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[redacted] a confessed former Soviet espionage agent who operated until 1937 in the United States and Europe, was contacted on December 13, 1955, by SA [redacted] and advised that the subject's photograph and name were unknown to her.

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Informants, having knowledge of certain phases of Soviet espionage activities in the United States and Europe, were contacted during November and December, 1955, regarding the subject with negative results.

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Used to document WILLIAM A. ROSE

Bronx,
NY

Used to document [redacted]

Informants contacted regarding subject with
negative results:

<u>Informant's Name</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>
[redacted]	11/14/55	11/14/55	SA [redacted]
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When interviewed, volunteered the following background information which will be set forth in order to differentiate him from his of interest to instant investigation:

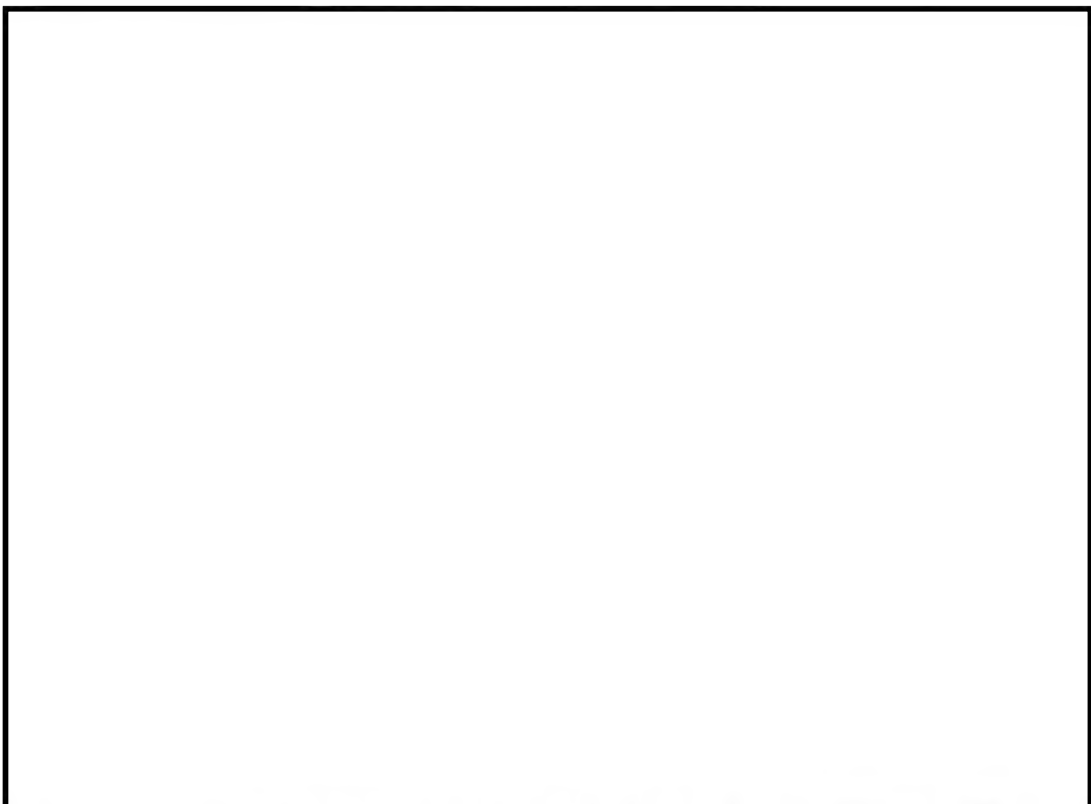
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LEADS

NEWARK

At Newark, New Jersey

Will attempt to locate [redacted] at
[redacted] to interview him concerning the subject,
WILLIAM A. ROSE and [redacted]

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NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

1. Will attempt to locate electrical retail store on corner of Flatbush Avenue and Lafayette Street, Brooklyn, New York, to make inquiry concerning subject.

At Bronx, New York

1. Will interview [redacted]
at [redacted]
and subject.

*2. Will recontact [redacted]
[redacted] Bronx, and display
a photograph of [redacted]
[redacted] in United States during 1944, in an effort
to establish that subject was in contact with him.

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At Queens, New York

1. Will attempt to locate [redacted]
at his reported residence [redacted] Queens,
Long Island, New York, to interview him concerning the
subject.

At New York, New York

1. Will, at office of "New York Journal-American", attempt to identify the GEORGE KOVAL who reportedly was listed in that newspaper during the spring of 1951 or 1952, as the winner of \$500.00 in the Irish Sweepstakes.

2. Will, at CCNY, attempt to develop additional background data concerning [redacted] to ascertain his present whereabouts to interview him concerning the subject.

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At New York, New York (Cont'd)

3. Will, at 97 Gold Street, New York City, review 1948 correspondence files of the Atlas Trading Corporation to develop information concerning the subject's alleged affiliation with that firm.

4. Will interview following faculty members of CCNY regarding the subject: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

*5. Will recontact [REDACTED] in an effort to identify the electrical engineering professor at MIT who was described by [REDACTED] as a friend of [REDACTED]

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*6. Will review indices regarding FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC to develop any information which might assist this investigation.

*7. Will make inquiry at CCNY regarding last known address for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] listed as references by subject for AEC.

REFERENCE Report of SA [REDACTED], 11/18/55, New York.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 1/16/56

FROM : *gsk/gia* ASAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Houston airtel 12/22/55 to Bureau.

Referenced airtel reflects that [redacted] possibly identifiable as husband of [redacted] on 8/11/53 indicated a change of address from [redacted] Houston, Texas, to [redacted] Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada.

LEADSALT LAKE CITYAt Salt Lake City, Utah

see serial 82
Attempt to locate [redacted] at Las Vegas, Nevada to determine if he is the husband of [redacted] if so, and in absence of derogatory information, interview latter regarding her knowledge of subject's background and activities with emphasis as to whether or not subject returned to Russia in 1932 with his family.

Information regarding the subject's last known departure from US during 1948 and his present whereabouts should be developed. Identify all sources of information regarding KOVAL known to [redacted] and ascertain whether KOVAL has been in contact with relatives in US.

Ascertain whereabouts of SAM GERTZ, subject's uncle, and set out necessary leads to locate and interview him.

Investigation concerning subject has established

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that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven
Electric Company, New York, New York. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] During 1945
he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of
the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he
had access to material that could have varied from
"unclassified" to "~~top secret~~." In 1948, while (U)
allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation,
New York City, as a "commissioned representative," he was
issued a passport for travel to various European countries,
which included Poland. On 10/6/48, he departed the
United States aboard the "SS America" destined for
Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are
unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux
City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United
States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the
United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers.
He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United
States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as
an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during
1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical
Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New
York.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE JAN 31 1956	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/27,28,29/55 1/16,18,20/55	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div> mr
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: WILLIAM A. ROSE, who formerly resided at 71 Ridge Road, Rutherford, N.J., is deceased. [redacted] Bound Brook, N.J., advised he does not know GEORGE KOVAL or WILLIAM A. ROSE. [redacted] advised he was offered job at RAVEN ELECTRIC CO., New York City, N.Y., in 1942 by [redacted] which he refused to accept. <i>CIA, AEC, RAB, G2, State (photostat)</i> <i>2-6-56</i> <i>R/S</i> <i>EMG:dk</i> DETAILS: [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information on May 9, 1955, that WILLIAM A. ROSE, Contractual Electrical Engineer Consultant with the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY during July, 1942, had information concerning GEORGE KOVAL's employment with that company. The Informant advised that ROSE identified himself by displaying a United States Coast Guard Card with Serial No. 712441, issued by the Port of New York. [redacted] Intelligence Section, United States Coast Guard, on October 19, 1955, made available to SA [redacted] the following information concerning WILLIAM A. ROSE, which was reflected in the latter's application dated July 27, 1942, to the United States Coast Guard for an Identification Card: APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau (65-62911) (REGISTERED MAIL) TO FEB 1 1956 3 - New York (65-16756) (REGISTERED MAIL) 2 - Newark (65-4778) RECORDED-42 INDEXED-42			

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Name: WILLIAM A. ROSE
Address: 71 Ridge Rd.
Rutherford, N.J.
Born: October 13, 1876
Boston, Mass. - CONSULTING
Occupation: ~~Contractual Electrical~~
~~Electrical Engineer~~
~~Engineer Consultant~~
Employer: RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY
11 West 25th St.
New York City
Coast Guard Identification Card (green) Serial
No.: 031-712441, issued July
20, 1942.

[redacted] Rutherford, N.J.,
advised SA [redacted] on December 29, 1955, that
she owned the residence at 71 Ridge Rd., Rutherford, N.J.,
from about 1941 to 1944, and that WILLIAM A. ROSE rented a
room from her at 71 Ridge Rd., Rutherford, N.J., from 1941
to 1944. She stated that she received a letter from ROSE's
wife, BERTHA CALLEY ROSE, 103 Hemmingway Rd., Boston, Mass.,
in 1949, stating that WILLIAM A. ROSE had died in the Spring
of 1949.

[redacted] made available information on May 9, 1955,
which identified [redacted] North Plainfield,
N.J., as one of two men who were being considered as the
successor to GEORGE KOVAL's position with the RAVEN ELECTRIC
COMPANY, New York City, N.Y., in 1942.

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Journal Square, Jersey City, N.J., residence - Warrenville
Road, [redacted] Bound Brook, N.J., former residence - [redacted]
[redacted], North Plainfield, N.J., advised on January 16,
1956, that he does not know GEORGE KOVAL or WILLIAM A. ROSE.

[redacted] stated that he met [redacted]
the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY, New York City, N.Y., in 1942
through [redacted]. He stated that he, [redacted] was
employed as a Sales Engineer by the JAMES R. KEARNEY CORP.,

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he would be about 65 or 67 years of age if he is still alive. He stated that [] would be able to furnish more information concerning the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY, [] and anyone that worked for the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY if he is alive and can be located.

[] stated that he had never had any reason to believe or suspect that [] were involved in subversive activity.

One [], New York City, N.Y., was interviewed by SA [] on January 30, 1952, at which time he stated that he had no information as to the whereabouts of the [] and that his last contact with them was in December, 1950, when [] agreed to withdraw a law suit against him. [] stated the withdrawal agreement resulted from his offer to give [] a commission on some refrigerators he, [] had sold using the name of the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.

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[] [a confidential source abroad,] advised that [] whom [] has described as having supplied accurate information in the past but who has not always supplied complete information and has apparently withheld information on various occasions, furnished the following during July, 1952:

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The files of the Newark Office of the FBI contain
no information identifiable with WILLIAM A. ROSE and 
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[Redacted] Bronx, NY	Background info re WILLIAM A. ROSE and [Redacted]	5/8/55	SE [Redacted] [Redacted]	NY File 65-16756- 37

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LEADS

NEWARK

At Newark, N.J.

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* Will attempt to locate [redacted]

[redacted] to interview him concerning the subject, WILLIAM A. ROSE and [redacted]

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted], dated 11/18/55, at New York.

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Report of SA [redacted], dated 1/11/56, at New York.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/3/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/31/55 1/4, 6,9-11/56	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> ejm
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>ARNOLD KRAMISH advised he attended CC NY, in ASTP with the subject in 1943 and 1944. He subsequently was employed at Oak Ridge and knew subject there. KRAMISH had no reason to question subject's loyalty to the U.S. and unable to furnish information concerning the subject's background except that he had worked for an electrical supply company. Subject last seen by KRAMISH in 1946 in NYC. unable to identify subject from photo. Background information on FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u></p> <p>ARNOLD KRAMISH, Senior Staff Member, Physics Division, Rand Corporation, 1625 I Street, NW, was interviewed on January 4, 1956, by SAs and . He advised that he entered the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at City College, of New York (CCNY) about August, 1943, and was a class-mate of the subject there for about a year after which both were transferred to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where they were assigned to different projects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CIA, RAB, AEC, State & G-2 (photostat) 2-13-56 R/S EMC ak</p>			
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(U) KRAMISH indicated that the subject was employed in Oak Ridge, at the Clinton Laboratory on the Manhattan Project, which project KRAMISH believed was classified "~~Top Secret.~~" KRAMISH did not know the subject's specific duties on this project but stated that he worked at the Health Physics Laboratory. KRAMISH indicated that he was very close to the subject both at CCNY and at Oak Ridge. He described the subject as the oldest in the ASTP group and a person who was hard drinking, liked women, and who knew New York City better than any of their group.

KRAMISH had no recollection of the subject ever making any statements as to political beliefs and he was unable to recall any occasion arising in which KOVAL engaged in political discussion and he could recall nothing which would have made him question the subject's loyalty.

After getting out of the service KRAMISH advised that he and [redacted] another member of the ASTP group, had met the subject in 1946 in New York, at a residence which he believed was on Valentine Street and since 1946, he has had no contact with the subject. KRAMISH knew nothing of subject's background prior to the time he attended CCNY in 1943, except that he had worked for some electrical supply company. KRAMISH advised that the following two persons were associates of the subject at Oak Ridge:

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On January 6, 1956, KRAMISH was recontacted and advised that the following persons were in the same ASTP group at CCNY as the subject, and would know him:



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KRAMISH further advised that [redacted] presently with the Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., might possibly have been subject's supervisor at Oak Ridge.

[redacted] Russian Section, Voice of America, United States Information Agency, who has displayed a broad knowledge of Soviet Intelligence operations up until 1937 and who was acquainted with a number of individuals engaged in this work, was contacted on January 9, 1956, by SAs [redacted] and was unable to identify the subject from photographs or from his name.

[redacted] Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., was contacted telephonically on January 10, 1956, at which time he advised that he did not know the subject, but recalled that the subject had been at Oak Ridge prior to his arrival there.

Re FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC. [redacted]

[redacted] Street, NE, Washington, D. C., was interviewed by SAs [redacted] on January 4, 1956.

[redacted] stated that he believed FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC was born in Dalmatia, and prior to World War I, had gone to South America. MACEK knew nothing of PETRINOVIC's personal background and advised that he had met him once about 1920 in Zagreb, when PETRINOVIC had a conference with the then president of the Yugoslav Peasants' Party. [redacted] stated that he was present at this conference but did not participate. He never again met PETRINOVIC, but knew him by reputation as a very wealthy man who had supported King ALEXANDER and later TITO's Communists in Yugoslavia. [redacted] stated that he did not believe that PETRINOVIC followed any party lines but gave his support to the party in control in Yugoslavia, with the sole purpose of bettering this country, concerning which he was very enthusiastic.

According to [redacted] PETRINOVIC had not been a supporter of the Croatian Peasants' Party in the United States. He knew nothing concerning the Atlas Trading Company, PETRINOVIC's business or business associates, as he had no contact with him in the United States.

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No leads are being set out to interview [redacted]
[redacted] mentioned on Page 2, inasmuch
as Washington Field Office is unaware of the extent of
investigation conducted by the New York Office.

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Report of SA [redacted], dated
November 18, 1955, at New York.

Los Angeles airtel to the Director dated
November 14, 1955.

Bureau letter to New York dated November 4,
1955.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

6860 : Director, FBI (65-62911) (REGISTERED)

DATE: 1/25/56

FROM : SAC, Phoenix (65-831)

Attention:

☒ Domestic Intelligence Division

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R
(OO - New York)

☐ Investigative Division

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Type of Mail: All mail received at that box.

Type of Cover: Return Addresses.

Period Covered: 30 days.

Purpose of Cover: [REDACTED] of GEORGE KOVAL, subject of this case and suspected Russian Espionage Case. KOVAL'S whereabouts since 1948 are presently unknown and it is thought [REDACTED] might be in contact with KOVAL.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau. If necessary continue on extra page.)

In Los Angeles letter to Phoenix, 1/5/56, it was pointed out that [REDACTED] previously worked for J.G. BOSWELL Ranch at Corcoran, California, and was recently transferred to the J. G. BOSWELL Ranch at Marinette, Arizona. This letter states KOVAL was quite possibly recruited into the Soviet Intelligence Service while he was in Russia from 1932 to 1940-41. KOVAL'S whereabouts since 1948 are unknown. Bureau instructed Los Angeles to conduct investigation to locate and determine advisability of interviewing relatives of KOVAL. It is noted that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] whom he recently married, reside in a house belonging to the J.G. BOSWELL Ranch Co., at Marinette, Arizona. Marinette is almost wholly owned by the J. G. BOSWELL Ranch Co. and consists of the offices and buildings of this company. The homes are owned by the company and are used to house the company's employees.

The operators of the combination store and post office are [REDACTED]. This is the only store in Marinette, Arizona. Mrs. MONREAL is the Postmistress and [REDACTED]. These two individuals have been contacted in the past and have proven reliable. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is the sole recipient of mail at [REDACTED].

Postmaster to whom Form FD-115 will be directed if authorized. The letter requesting the Mail Cover will be sent to [REDACTED] at Marinette, Arizona.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)
FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (65-1237)
SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 2/9/56

Re New York letter 1/16/56.

On 1/31/56, [redacted] OSI, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA [redacted] that a check of the Base Locator Files did not reflect that [redacted] is or has been stationed at Nellis Air Force Base.

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On 1/31/56, [redacted] of Civilian Personnel, Nellis Air Force Base, advised SA [redacted] that a search of civilian personnel records did not reflect that [redacted] is or has been employed at Nellis Air Force Base.

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On 2/1/56, [redacted] Record Bureau, Las Vegas, Nevada, PD, and [redacted] Identification Bureau, Clark County SO, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA [redacted] there was no record of [redacted] in the files of their respective departments.

On 2/1/56, records of the Credit Bureau of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, were checked by SA [redacted] and no record was located for [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 2/13/56

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (65-3981)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

(OO - New York)

Re Newark letter dated January 6, 1956.

Birth records of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, were reviewed on December 6, 1955 by SA [redacted] Page 188 of Volume 279 of the Birth Records indicated that one WILLIAM ALDEN ROSE was born on October 13, 1876 at Boston, Massachusetts. His parents were listed as FABIAN ROSE, born at Turner, Maine and FANNY B. ROSE, born Eastport, Maine.

Alumni records and scholastic records of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, were reviewed on December 6, 1955 and January 17, 1956 by SA [redacted] No record was located for WILLIAM A. ROSE.

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised on January 27, 1956 that she could locate no record for WILLIAM A. ROSE.

Personnel of the Massachusetts State Board of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised on January 11, 1956 that no record was located for WILLIAM A. ROSE.

Referenced letter indicated that in 1949 Mrs. BERTHA GALLEY ROSE, 103 Fenway Street, Boston, advised [redacted] Hartford, New Jersey, that WILLIAM A. ROSE had died in 1949.

A review of the Death Records, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, on January 27, 1956 by SA [redacted] did not reflect any record for ROSE's death.

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[REDACTED] Boston, advised on February 3, 1956 that Mrs. BERTHA ROSE had roomed at this apartment house several years ago. She stated Mrs. ROSE died in 1950 or 1951. She added that Mrs. ROSE had been separated from her husband, WILLIAM ROSE, for many years, and that in 1949 WILLIAM ROSE had died in New York.

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Subject: GEORGE ABRAMOVICH KOVAL

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TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KOVAL		REPORT MADE BY <div></div>	TYPED BY MEMCG
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SYNOPSIS:

Subject not known to admitted former Soviet espionage agents, and presently inmates at U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa. National Fraternity, Eta Kappa Nu, unable to locate a record of subject.

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DETAILS:

At Lewisburg, Pa.

Photograph of subject was exhibited to admitted former Soviet espionage agents, and presently inmates at the U. S. Penitentiary, on March 29, 1956, and May 9, 1956, respectively, and both advised that subject is unknown to them.

At Dillsburg, Pa.

when contacted by SA on April 30, 1956, identified himself as the of the National Honorary Fraternity Eta Kappa Nu. He stated a search of the records maintained by him containing the names of present and past members, both living and dead, failed to reflect the name of GEORGE KOVAL.

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Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
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Reference prior communications in this matter.

As you are aware, we are greatly interested in ascertaining the present whereabouts of George Koval, subject of this investigation. Although there has been no definite report to that effect, there have been indications that subsequent to his departure from the United States in 1948 [REDACTED]

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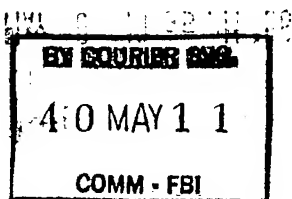
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

DATE: 5/17/56

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Rerep SA [] 3/9/56, Los Angeles,
and LA let to Director 3/26/56.

Ms. [] *SAIF* Signet Laboratories,
614 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles, was interviewed by
SA [] on 5/8/56. [] advised that he and
his [] took a trip to Europe including a stop in
Paris, France, in April, May and June of 1953. He said
they returned to the United States in June of 1953 aboard
the ship "Liberte." He recalled attending a New Year's
Eve party at the home of []
Road, Pacific Palisades, California, in December 1953 after
his return from the Europe trip. [] states he does not
recognize a photograph of KOVAL as anyone known to him and
failed to recall a conversation with a young woman regarding
KOVAL at the [] New Year's Eve party in 1953. He
was positive he had never met KOVAL during this trip to
Europe and stated he had not previously travelled to Europe
with his wife.

He advised he was employed for the Manhattan
Engineering District, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from January 13,
1945, to sometime in January 1946. This employment was in
the Personnel Procurement Division. He stated he spent the
majority of this year on the road pursuing recruits for
employment at Oak Ridge and only visited Oak Ridge occasionally.
He recalls no acquaintance with a person named KOVAL at any
time and specifically recalls no acquaintance with KOVAL at
Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in 1945.

[] conferred with []
[] by telephone. She confirmed the dates of travel to
Europe and could recall no meetings with anyone named KOVAL
during this European tour or at Paris, France. She likewise
failed to recall a conversation at the [] New Year's
Eve party 1953 with a young woman regarding a person named

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KOVAL. [] then confirmed their presence at the [] party with [] by telephone. [] failed to recall any guests at this party named [] who had accompanied a young woman at the New Year's Eve party at which this conversation regarding KOVAL took place.

[] advises he recalls no knowledge of contact with a firm named Raven Electrical Corporation or a person named [] and states he is certain he has had no close dealings with this firm or person at any time.

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[]
[] La Verne, California, was recontacted by SA [] on 5/14/56. She states she is positive it was a New Year's party held in December 1950 which she attended with [] at which she met [] of Signet Laboratories. She advises that after reflection on this matter, [] either stated that he and his wife had met GEORGE KOVAL in Paris, France, during their recent trip there or that Mr. [] stated he knew GEORGE KOVAL and a mutual friend had stated he had recently seen GEORGE KOVAL in Paris, France. [] advises ordinarily such a conversation would be vague; however, due to the importance that GEORGE KOVAL played in her life and the fact that this was the only time she had heard of GEORGE KOVAL since his disappearance in September 1948, it was sufficiently important for her to remember and she is positive of the dates and names of [] [] as previously stated during the first interview by Bureau Agents.

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She recalled definitely that this [] knew GEORGE KOVAL at sometime previous and she stated she is reasonably certain that she and this [] were talking about the same GEORGE KOVAL.

In view of the above discrepancies regarding the year in which the New Year's Eve party was held at which [] met [] claims visited Europe in 1953 - [] advised it was December 1950 when this conversation occurred between she and [] regarding his recent trip to Europe) and the contradiction of acquaintance by [] of

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KOVAL, additional investigation is felt warranted to ascertain the exact dates which [] visited Europe and whether such a trip was made by him prior to December 1950.

Washington Field Office is, therefore, requested to search the records of the Passport Division, U. S. Department of State, for information from their records pertaining to the Passport and travel performed by [] specifically any information reflecting [] travelled to Europe prior to December 1950. It is also noted that [] advised he attended the University of Basel in Switzerland in 1939 during which he obtained a doctor's degree in chemistry.

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For assistance of the Washington Field Office in checking records of the State Department, the following information pertaining to [] is set forth:

[Redacted content]

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

5/17/56

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Los Angeles will locate and interview [redacted]
concerning his recollection of attending a New Year's Eve
party with [redacted] in December
1950 and his knowledge, if any, of the conversation which
[redacted] advises she had with [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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DATE: 5/25/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report of SA [redacted], dated and captioned as above, at NY.

In an attempt to ascertain the subject's present whereabouts, and since this investigation has disclosed some indication that he has been employed in Poland since his departure from the US during Oct., 1948, the Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of contacting the US Dept. of State to ascertain if there is any record for the subject at the US Embassy, Warsaw, Poland.

To utilize all available sources to develop information concerning the subject's foreign residence since Oct., 1948, the Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of the following:

Contact [redacted] defectee, at Wash., D. C., regarding the subject.

To assist the Bureau in the event the above-requested investigation is deemed advisable, the following brief summary of information that has been developed concerning the subject is noted:

GEORGE KOVAL was employed by the Raven Electric Co. (REC), NYC, during the approximate period 1941 to 1943. The

[redacted] the investigation entitled, "UNSUB, was: Faradej, Faraday; ESPIONAGE-R."

KOVAL was inducted into the US Army on 2/4/43, and during 1945, was assigned to the Manhattan Engineers Dist. (MED), Oak Ridge, Tenn., which assignment reportedly gave him

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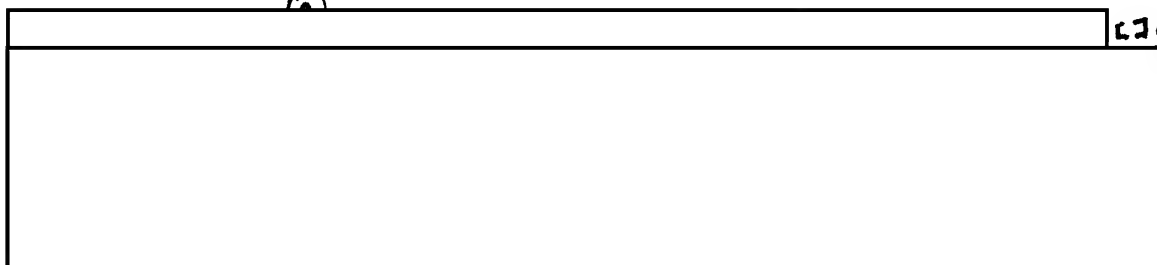
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(U) access to "~~top secret~~" information. Recent investigation has disclosed that KOVAL was also assigned to the Dayton, Ohio area installation of the MED prior to his honorable discharge from the US Army in 1946. Following his discharge, KOVAL matriculated at the College of the City of NY (CCNY), where he was awarded a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree on 2/1/58.

On 3/15/48, KOVAL was issued a passport for proposed travel to France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, and Poland, as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corp. (ATC), NYC.

Investigation at the ATC, NYC, has failed to reflect a record of KOVAL's employment with that company, or his proposed travel abroad during 1948.



Information furnished by an individual acquainted with KOVAL until the latter's departure from the US during 1948, suggests the possibility that KOVAL may have travelled first to Paris, France and then to Poland for employment in connection with a hydro-electric project in that country. In that connection, [redacted] previously mentioned also apparently travelled to Poland with his family during 1950, to which country he travelled extensively from the US during the 1930's.

Departure manifest records of the "SS AMERICA," as reviewed on 5/9/55, reflect that KOVAL departed the US at NYC on 10/6/48, destined for Le Havre, France.

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He was born in Sioux City, Iowa on 12/25/13 and resided in that city with his parents, ABRAM BERKOWITZ KOVAL, born Poland, and ETHEL, nee SHENISKE, born Poland, until around 1932. During 1932 or 1933, the entire KOVAL family, including the subject and his two brothers, ISAIAH and GABRIEL, reportedly departed the US for Russia. *12-11*

DESCRIPTION (1948)

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Sex	Male <i>ph. T. J. ...</i>
Race	White
Date of Birth	12/25/13, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	6' 1"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Tall and slender <i>Russ</i>
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Medium-dark
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Electrical Engineer

Two photographs of the subject are being enclosed for the Bureau.

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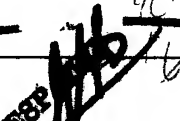
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SYNOPSIS: Members subject's ASTP Class, CCNY, as identified on photograph furnished by set forth. Ace Electric Co., NYC, advised subject not formerly employed with that company. former member ASTP at CCNY, acquainted with KOVAL during 1943-1944, unable to recall any information concerning subject's former activities, suggesting latter's involvement in subversive activity. recontacted and identified unknown woman who appears in photograph with subject as nee unable to furnish additional information regarding subject. recontacted and identified Chicago, Illinois, and graduate student at MIT, as former members subject's ASTP Class, CCNY. recalled KOVAL had girlfriend in Dayton, Ohio during 1945, whom subject described as "someone he almost married." Subject unknown to former employee, Standard Lighting Fixture Co., B'klyn, NY. Subject identified as applicant for position at Amitas Corp., NYC, during 1948. CCNY, unable to furnish significant information re subject's

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SYNOPSIS (CONT'D):

past activities. No record BVS, NYC, re reported death of WILLIAM A. ROSE during 1949. [redacted] former employee, Raven Electric Co., identified [redacted] Jersey City, NJ, as probably having detailed information re relationship between KOVAL and [redacted]

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DETAILS: Information Furnished By

[redacted] SA [redacted] recontacted [redacted] [redacted] Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, Long Island, New York, on April 26, 1956, at which time [redacted] made available a group photograph of the subject's United States Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) Class at the College of the City of New York (CCNY). The photograph, which was described by [redacted] as taken on the campus of CCNY during the summer of 1943, included notations which identified the names and home residences (city and state) of each of the class members as follows:

[redacted] Drummond, Montana
[redacted], New Jersey
[redacted] Brooklyn, New York
[redacted] Golden, Colorado
[redacted] - Cleveland, Ohio

[redacted] - Nashville, Tennessee
[redacted] Park Ridge, Illinois
[redacted] Astoria, Oregon
[redacted] Los Angeles, California
[redacted] San Cristobal, Canal Zone

ARNOLD KRAMISH - Denver, Colorado

[redacted] Memphis, Tennessee
[redacted] - Steelton, Pennsylvania
[redacted] Paterson, New Jersey
[redacted] Rapid City, South Dakota

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It is noted that [] ARNOLD KRAMISH, and [] identified above as former members of the subject's ASTP Class, CCNY, have been previously interviewed concerning the subject.

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Interview with []
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New York City

When interviewed by SAS [] and [] at La Verne, California, on February 20, 1956, [] admittedly acquainted with the subject at New York City, during 1948, advised that it was her recollection that during 1948, the subject had been employed with an electrical supply company known as the "Ace Electrical Company," located on 23rd Street, New York City.

Classified telephone directories, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, for the years 1948 through 1956, were reviewed on April 18, 1956, for the listing of electrical supply companies entitled, either "Ace Electric" or "Ace Electrical" which reflected a listing for the Ace Electric Company, 20 West 23rd Street, New York City, for the years 1948-1950, and the Ace Electric Company, 142 West 23rd Street, New York City, for the years 1950-1956.

[] Ace Electric Company, 142 West 23rd Street, New York City, was interviewed on April 25, 1956, and advised the following information:

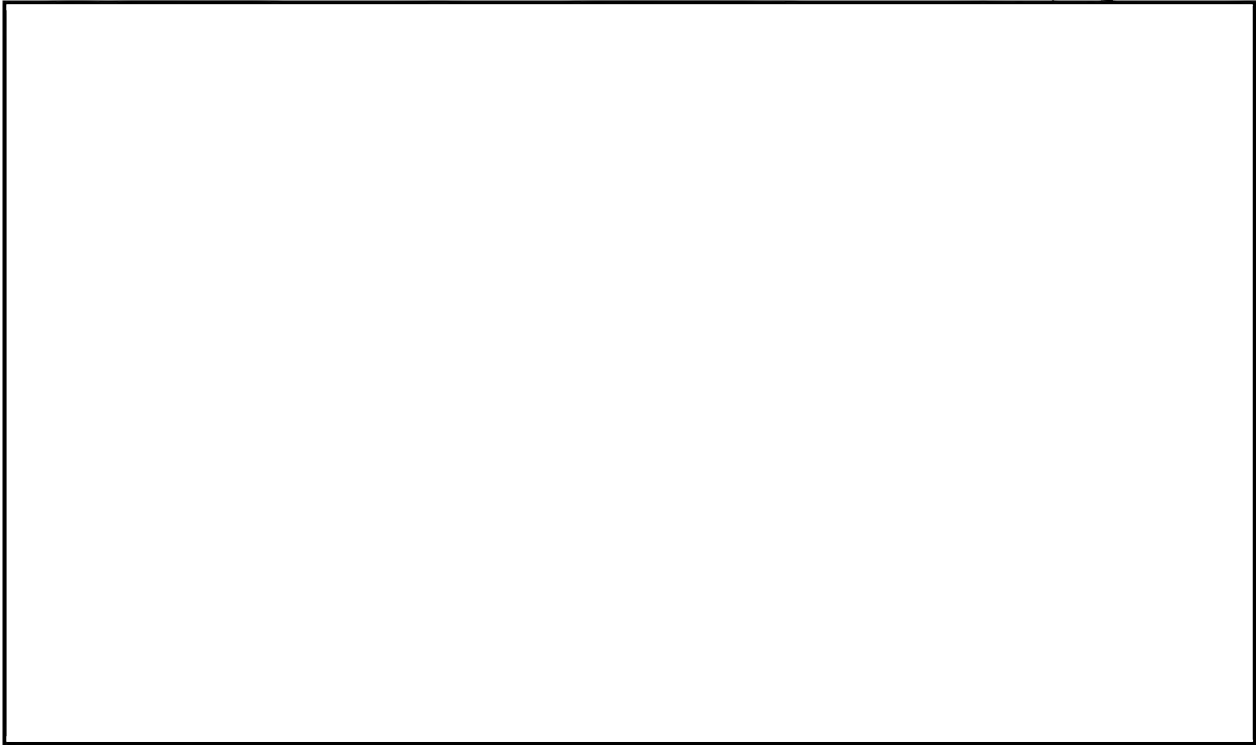
[] Ace Electric Merchandising Company during the latter part of 1942, with the financial assistance of [] the Raven Electric Company (REC) at 20 West 23rd Street, New York City. He met [] during 1942, as

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[redacted] stated that although he operated his business for a number of years in the same building as the REC, he had no connection with that company and had little contact with the employees of that firm. A 1948 passport photograph of the subject was displayed to [redacted] who stated that although the photograph reminded him of someone he had known as a business contact, he was unable to identify the photograph or recall the name GEORGE KOVAL. He emphatically stated that GEORGE KOVAL had never been employed with either the defunct Ace Merchandising Electric Company or the Ace Electric Company.

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Regarding [] connection with a hydro-electric project in Poland during the 1930's, as reported by [] it is noted that [] an associate of the subject until the time of the latter's departure from the United States during October 1948, advised SAS [] on May 18, 1955, that the subject possibly is employed in Poland in connection with the construction of an "electrical power plant." [] attributed his belief concerning the subject's foreign employment to statements made by the latter just prior to KOVAL's departure from the United States during 1948.

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[] [] a confidential source abroad, [] advised the following information during July, 1952, attributed to [] whom [] has described as having supplied accurate information in the past, but who has apparently withheld information on various occasions.

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[REDACTED] employed with Zerlan Books, Incorporated, 67 West 44th Street, New York City, was contacted on April 18, 1956, and advised the following information:

He identified a photograph of the subject as GEORGE KOVAL, who during the period 1943-1944, was a member of the ASTP at CCNY. [REDACTED] noted that KOVAL was in the first class of that group, whereas he [REDACTED] was a member of the second class. [REDACTED] recalled that his last contact with the subject was during early 1944, when the latter was assigned to the Manhattan Engineers District (MED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, directly following which [REDACTED] was assigned to the MED at Los Alamos, New Mexico. [REDACTED] stated that both he and the subject matriculated at CCNY as "G.I. students" subsequent to World War II, but stated he had no significant contact with the subject during that period, since KOVAL was an electrical engineering student, while he was a student of physics. To the best of his recollection, [REDACTED] could not recall an act, statement, or association of the subject which suggested that the latter may have been engaged in subversive activities.

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[REDACTED] described the nature of his relationship with the subject during 1943-1944, as "casual" and noted that he recalled nothing concerning KOVAL's background or present whereabouts.

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It is noted that [] was described by [] previously mentioned, on May 18, 1955, as a member of the ASTP, CCNY, who was "a close acquaintance of the subject's during the period 1943-1944."

Recontact of []

During the interview of [] by SAS [] at La Verne, California on February 20, 1956, [] identified one [] a physics instructor at CCNY during 1948, as an individual who was considered by KOVAL as among his best friends.

It is noted that when originally interviewed by SA [] on February 23, 1955, [] advised that he had been acquainted with the subject when he [] was teaching physics at CCNY during the period 1946-1948.

[] on February 20, 1956, furnished to SA [] a photograph of the subject and an unknown woman. The photograph was described by [] as probably taken some time during the summer of 1947.

[] was recontacted at his residence [] t, New York City, on April 26, 1956, and advised as follows: *N.Y.*

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Upon observing the photograph of the subject and an unknown woman, [] identified the unknown woman as [] presently residing at [] Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York.

[] recalled that the subject dated [] during 1948, and described their relationship as "casual".

The indices of the New York Office, FBI, as reviewed on April 27, 1956, reflected no information that could be determined identifiable with []

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When questioned concerning any information he might recall regarding the subject's alleged association with a zoology professor at Columbia University, or two individuals with whom KOVAL reportedly played tennis in the Boston, Massachusetts area, [] could not identify former acquaintances of the subject on the basis of that information. [] stated that the only out of state travel he recalled concerning the subject was a trip KOVAL made during the summer of 1948 to Washington, D. C., regarding an application for a passport.

[] was questioned regarding the identity of a woman known as [], an artist and former resident of 77th Street off Fifth Avenue, New York City, who reportedly was mutually acquainted with [] and KOVAL during 1948. [] replied that he could not recall a former female acquaintance of his or the subject fitting that general description.

Concerning the above statements by [] the following statements made by [] to SAS [] on February 20, 1956, are noted:

The subject, an enthusiastic tennis player, prior to 1948, travelled to Boston, Massachusetts to visit two very close friends with whom he played tennis. The subject was closely associated with a zoology professor at Columbia University during 1948.

[] and the subject, during 1948, were mutually acquainted with a woman named [], an artist who had an apartment on 77th Street off Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The subject made two trips during the time [] knew him. The first trip was early in 1948, possibly the latter part of March, 1948, when KOVAL travelled to Washington, D. C. In the summer of 1948, KOVAL left New York City for a trip to the midwest, vaguely recalled as having been to Kansas City, Missouri.

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Recontact With [redacted]

[redacted] a former member of the ASTP at CCNY who, when originally interviewed by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] on May 25, 1955, advised he knew the subject during the period 1943-1944, and 1946-1948, was recontacted on May 7, 1956, and advised as follows:

He was unable to furnish any information concerning the subject's reported association with a zoology professor at Columbia University; two individuals with whom the subject reportedly played tennis in the Boston, Massachusetts area; or a female acquaintance of the subject named [redacted]. [redacted] also stated he could not recall any travel made by the subject outside the state of New York.

[redacted] was informed of the names of the members of the subject's ASTP Class, CCNY, and was questioned regarding any information he could furnish regarding their present or last known whereabouts.

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[redacted] stated that he has not been in recent contact with any of the former ASTP members and was unable to furnish information regarding their present whereabouts. [redacted] described one [redacted] last known to be residing in Chicago, Illinois, as a member of the subject's ASTP Class, not included in the list of names mentioned to him. [redacted] was further described as one of the subject's closest acquaintances during the period 1943-1944, and as one who might possibly be able to furnish considerable information concerning the subject's activities during that period.

N4 { [redacted] noted that during the ASTP training period at CCNY, KOVAL associated primarily with [redacted]. It was noted that [redacted] was not a member of the subject's ASTP Class, but was in the class behind KOVAL's group. The last information known to [redacted] concerning [redacted] whereabouts is that the latter was enrolled in the graduate school of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) during 1954. [redacted] believed that [redacted] home residence was in Chicago, Illinois.

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[] was questioned regarding any information he could furnish concerning a girl named [] whom the subject may have known at Dayton, Ohio during the latter's assignment with the MED, Dayton, Ohio, during 1945. [] replied that the subject had mentioned a girl he dated during his tour of duty at Dayton, Ohio, and recalled that the subject had described that girl as "someone he had almost married." [] could not recall the girl's name or the name []

It is noted that when interviewed by SAA [] at Miamisburg, Ohio, on April 18, 1956, [] the subject's roommate during the latter's assignment at MED, Dayton, Ohio, during 1945, recalled that the subject had some contact with one [] during the summer of 1945.

[] Dayton, Ohio, when contacted by SAA [] on April 18, 1956, stated that her [] knew the subject during 1945. [] was described by [] as presently married to [] and as presently residing with her husband in Marne, France.

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Information Furnished by []

[] Hobb Electric Company, 541 West 34th Street, was contacted on April 25, 1956, and advised as follows:

He is unable to identify the name GEORGE KOVAL and the subject's photograph as a former business contact, or otherwise known, at the Standard Lighting Fixture Company (SLF) Brooklyn, New York. [] stated he was employed with the SLF from approximately 1940 through 1948, at which time the business was owned by one ABRAHAM COHEN, who at that time resided at Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

as [] who described his position with the SLF stated that he could neither recall any

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business dealings between the SLF and the REC, nor identify the name [redacted]

It is noted that [redacted] at CCNY, advised on November 29, 1955, that the subject had a "contact" for the purchase of electrical equipment at an electrical retail store located at the corners of Flatbush and Lafayette Avenues, Brooklyn, New York.

[redacted] SLF, located at the corners of Flatbush and Lafayette Avenues, Brooklyn, New York, advised on February 24, 1956, that the SLF formerly did business with the REC, which was operated during the 1940's by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN. [redacted] who was unable to identify the subject's name and photograph, identified [redacted] Hobb Electric Company, New York City, as a former "counterman" SLF, who might have information regarding the REC and the subject.

Inquiry at the Amitas Corporation, New York City

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[redacted] Amitas Corporation, 50 Broadway, New York City, advised on April 10, 1956, that a review of the active and inactive personnel records of that company failed to disclose a record for the name GEORGE KOVAL.

[redacted] of the Engineer Recruitment Program of the Amitas Corporation, advised on April 10, 1956, that he recalls the name GEORGE KOVAL and the latter's photograph as an applicant for the position of "Foreign Representative" during 1948. [redacted] recalled that following an introductory interview, KOVAL indicated he was not interested in the position offered to him, and as a result, did not file a written application. [redacted] was unable to recall additional information concerning the subject.

It is noted that when interviewed on January 26, 1956, [redacted] at

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CCNY, advised that following his graduation from CCNY in 1948, she recommended the subject for employment at the Amintas Corporation, 50 Broadway, New York City.

Information Furnished by [redacted]
[redacted] Electrical Engineering, CCNY

[redacted] Electrical Engineering, CCNY, was contacted on April 6, 1956, and advised as follows:

He identified the subject's photograph as GEORGE KOVAL, an ASTP student at CCNY during the period 1943-1944, and as a student in the Electrical Engineering Department, CCNY, subsequent to World War II. A review of [redacted] class enrollment records disclosed that the subject was enrolled in an advanced mathematics class taught by [redacted] during the Fall semester, 1947. [redacted] recalled the subject as an "exceptionally able student", but was unable to furnish any significant information concerning the subject's background, activities and associates.

Regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE

The death records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York City, which includes all boroughs of New York City, caused to be searched by SA [redacted] on April 10, 1956, failed to disclose a record of death for WILLIAM A. ROSE, during the year 1949.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information on May 8, 1955, which reflected that WILLIAM A. ROSE, Consultant Engineer, REC, appeared at Local Board #126, Selective Service System, New York City, during July, 1942, to request an extension of the subject's selective service deferment at that board.

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United States Coast Guard, on October 19, 1955, made available information regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE, which disclosed that the latter, born at Boston, Massachusetts on October 13, 1876, resided at 71 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey, during 1942.

[redacted] Rutherford, New Jersey, advised SA [redacted] on December 29, 1955, that she owned the residence at [redacted] Rutherford, New Jersey, from about 1941 through 1944.

WILLIAM A. ROSE was identified by [redacted] as a resident at her property from 1941 to 1944. [redacted] advised of having received a letter from ROSE's wife, BERTHA CALLEY ROSE, 103 Hemmingway Road, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1949, which disclosed that WILLIAM A. ROSE had died in the Spring of 1949.

[redacted] Boston, Massachusetts, advised on February 3, 1956, that Mrs. BERTHA ROSE died during 1950, or 1951, and that WILLIAM A. ROSE had died in New York, during 1949.

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Information Furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] on May 3, 1956, and advised as follows:

He was employed as a clerk with the REC, New York City, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, from approximately April, 1941, through October, 1942. He identified the subject's photograph as GEORGE KOVAL and described the latter as a former employee of the REC during the period 1940-1942. He recalled that KOVAL was extremely close to [redacted] and during 1942, was [redacted] "key employee." KOVAL's principal function for the REC was to bid on various Government sub-contracts. [redacted] could not recall the titles of the companies from which the REC received Government contracts, but described the REC's participation in that type of business as "extensive at that time." [redacted] could

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not recall any significant information concerning the subject, and stated that he has no reason to believe that the subject and [] were engaged in subversive activity during the period of his employment with the REC. [] identified [] as a former business associate of [] who had some connection with the REC and who would probably have some detailed information regarding the nature of the relationship between the subject and [] believed that [] is presently operating an electrical supply store in Jersey City, New Jersey.

It is noted that when interviewed by SA [] at Newark, New Jersey, on February 29, 1956, [] in the organization of the REC during 1940, advised the following:

[] Garfunkel, Incorporated, Hoboken Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, is an individual who would probably be in a position to furnish information regarding employees of the REC, subsequent to 1941.

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[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 27, 1955, that HARRY or GOLDIE GURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, received correspondence on December 10, 1955, from "Zamlungen, P.O.B. 179 Cooper Station, New York 3, New York".

11/24/1955
It is noted that when interviewed at Sioux City, Iowa, on March 10, 1955, by SA [] identified HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, residents of Los Angeles, California, as the subject's uncle and aunt.

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[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 19, 1956, that "Zamlungen P.O.B. 179, Cooper Station, New York City," is a publication edited by one LOUIS MILLER, located in care of Prompt Press, 113 Fourth Avenue, New York City. ALG.

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According to the "Morning Freiheit" of November 5, 1953, on page two, columns one and two, the first issue of "Zamlungen", which is to be published by the Jewish Writers Club of the Yiddisher Kultur Farband, will be published on January 1, 1954.

The Yiddisher Kultur Farband has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In a report made by the California Committee on Un-American Activities during 1948, the "Morning Freiheit" was cited as "the official Communist newspaper published in the Yiddish tongue. For many years, M. J. OLGIN was Editor of Freiheit. OLGIN was one of the outstanding leaders of the Communist Party in the United States for 20 years."

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Used to document WILLIAM A. ROSE.

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NY.

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GURSHTel, Sherman
Oaks, Calif.

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Nuys, Calif.

4/19/56 SA [redacted] Instant
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For the information of the Kansas City Office, which office has not received a prior communication regarding this investigation, the following brief summary is set forth:

Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942, he was employed with the Raven Electric Co., NYC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During 1945, he was employed in the Health and Physics Dept. of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tenn., where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "~~top secret~~." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corp., NYC, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/48, he departed the US aboard the SS AMERICA destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born US citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the US in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the US, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of NY, on 2/1/48. (U)

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BOSTON

At Cambridge, Massachusetts

Will review the student records of MIT in an

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attempt to identify [redacted] reportedly a graduate student at that school during 1954. If successful, in identifying [redacted] will either interview him regarding the subject or set out necessary leads to locate him for interview.

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CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

Will, through appropriate record checks, attempt to identify and locate [redacted] reportedly a former ASTP student at CCNY, to interview him regarding the subject.

KANSAS CITY

At Kansas City, Missouri

Will review office indices and conduct appropriate record checks to develop any available background data regarding the subject, it being noted the subject reportedly travelled to Kansas City, Mo. some time during 1948.

LOS ANGELES (Info)

One copy of this report has been designated for the LA Office, inasmuch as that office is presently conducting investigation concerning this case.

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At Jersey City, New Jersey

Will interview [redacted]
Garfunkel, Inc., Hoboken Ave., regarding his knowledge of
the subject's activities and the latter's relationship
with [redacted]

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will interview [redacted]
[redacted] Long Island, NY, re subject.

2. Will review the faculty records at Columbia
University to identify professors of the Zoology Dept.
for the year 1948.

3. Will attempt to locate [redacted]
[redacted] of the SLF, to interview him
regarding the subject and [redacted].

4. Will identify unknown individual of 80 East
11th St., NYC, who was a correspondent of H. GURSHTEL,
subject's uncle, on 12/13/55.

5. Will identify [redacted] who was a
recipient of a telegram from [redacted] on 9/10/55.

*6. Will recontact [redacted]
[redacted], Long Island, NY, concerning discrepancies in
information previously furnished by him concerning his
[redacted] knowledge regarding [redacted]
[redacted] and the subject.

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*7. Will continue indices review regarding FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC, to develop information which might assist this investigation.

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: June 14, 1956

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn (Original & 1)
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
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The subject was employed by a suspected Soviet agent in New York during the approximate period 1941-1943. He was subsequently, and while in the Army, assigned to the Manhattan Engineer District, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and to the Dayton, Ohio, area installation of the Manhattan Engineer District, at which places he reportedly had access to information up to and including "Top Secret." He was in the United States Army from February, 1943, until 1946. This Bureau has been attempting to determine the subject's present whereabouts. On March 15, 1948, Koval was issued a passport for proposed travel to France, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland and Poland as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corporation of New York City. Investigation in New York City has failed to reflect a record of his employment with that company. Information furnished by an individual acquainted with Koval until the latter's departure from the United States during 1948 suggests the possibility that Koval may have traveled first to Paris, France, and then to Poland, for employment in connection with a hydroelectric project in that country. Departure manifest records of the SS. "America" reflect that Koval departed from New York City on October 6, 1948, for Le Havre, France. (U)

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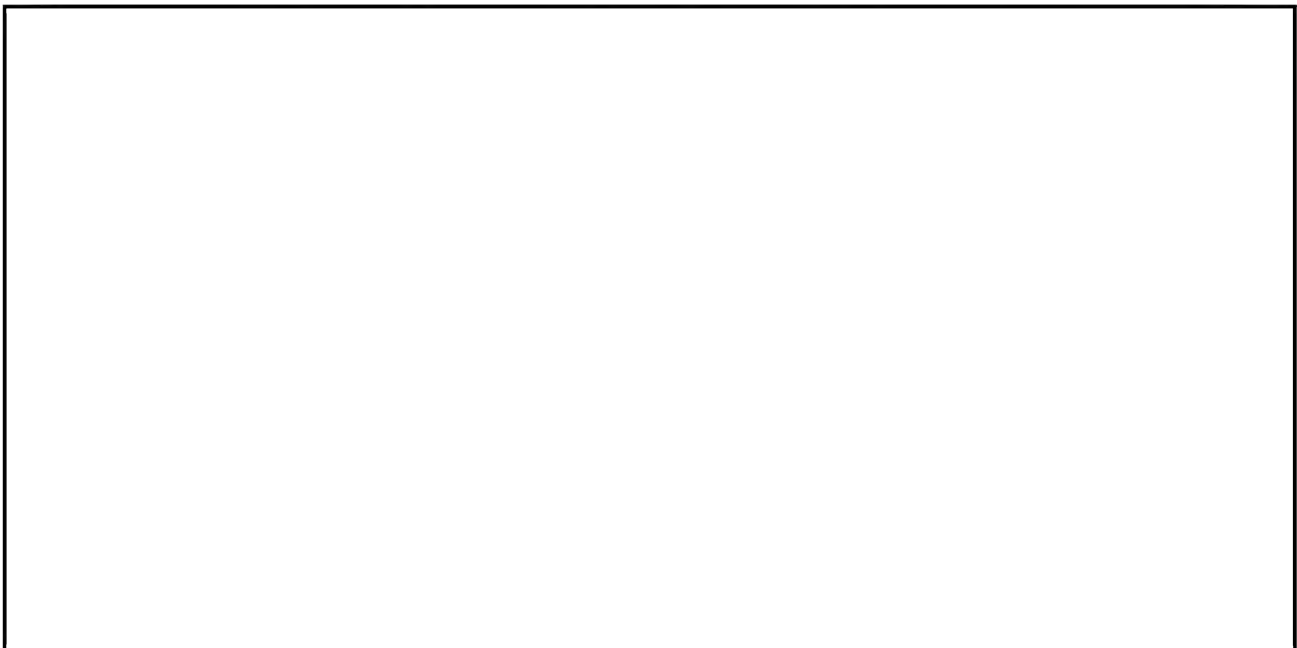
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Office of Security
Department of State*



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For your assistance, Koval was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on December 25, 1913, and resided in that city with his parents, Abram Berko Koval and Ethel Koval, nee Sheniske, who were born in Poland. The family left Sioux City in 1932 or 1933 and reportedly departed for Russia.

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State

An early reply will be appreciated.

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cc - 1 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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Name - GEORGE KOVAL
Sex - MALE
Race - WHITE
DOB - 12/25/13, Sioux City,
Iowa
Hgt and Wgt - 6'1" - 170 lbs.
Build - Tall and Slender
Hair - BROWN
Eyes - BROWN

Complexion - Medium-dark
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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

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Date: May 31, 1956
To: Director, FBI (65-62911)
From: Legal Attache, Paris (65-335)
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
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TO
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SUBJECT:

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)
SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

DATE: 6/21/56

GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory -
Cryptanalysis Section

Origin: New York

On 6/19/56 Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL, subject's aunt, who resides at 14203 Hartsook, Sherman Oaks, California, telephonically contacted this office and advised she had received a letter from subject's father, ABRAHAM KOVAL, from Russia.

On 6/19/56 SAs [redacted] reinterviewed Mrs. GURSHTEL and examined the letter described above. She advises the letter is written in the Russian language, was postmarked 5/22/56 in Russia, and she received it on Friday, 6/15/56. She recognizes the handwriting as that of her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL. She states the letter contained only news of ABRAHAM KOVAL's family as follows:

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GABRIEL KOVAL, subject's youngest brother, had been killed while fighting the Nazi army during World War II in 1943; that subject's mother, ETHEL, had died in 1952 of cancer; that ISAAH, the oldest brother, is married and has four children. ABRAHAM KOVAL now resides with ISAAH and his wife; that GEORGE KOVAL is now in Moscow teaching in the chemical institute known as Mendelaiv. Subject lives with his wife, LUDMULA (? sp) but has no children.

This letter was furnished by Mrs. GURSHTEL to the FBI. However, she requested that it be returned to her when no longer of any use to the FBI.

Three photographs, one each of the front and back of the one-page letter written in the Russian language and one of the envelope in which the letter was contained, are enclosed herewith to the Bureau, Attention FBI Laboratory - Cryptanalysis Section, for examination. Three photographs as described above are being enclosed for the New York Office.

The Cryptanalysis Section, FBI Laboratory, is requested to translate from the Russian language to English the contents of this letter and the return address appearing on the envelope written in the Russian language and furnish copies of this translation to New York and Los Angeles.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

6/21/56

Re: GEORGE KOVAL
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Los Angeles will hold the original of this letter until results of the above translation are received from the FBI Laboratory, after which the original will be returned to Mrs. GURSHTEL.

A report reflecting results of interviews conducted with the subject's relatives in Los Angeles is now under preparation at Los Angeles.

TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

Letter addressed to:

GOLDIE GURSHTEL,
15203 Hartsoek,
Sherman Oaks,
California, U.S.A.

Return:

A. I. KOVAL
2nd Volchasevskaya Station,
Khabarovsk Territory,
"18th Party Congress" Collective Farm.

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5-20-56

Dear sister GOLDA:

Your short letters were received. The one to me, on the first of May, the other one to SHAYA, today.

I have decided to answer your letters briefly and am writing in Russian, this is more convenient for me.

Twenty years have passed since we have seen each other and during this time several changes have taken place in our family.

Our dear GEYBI (GABRIEL?) died August 30, 1943, in a battle against the German fascists. ETL (ETHEL?) died August 28, 1952, from the dread disease, cancer. All the rest of us are alive and well. I am now about 75 and feel good, I am working. I live, as always, with SHAYA's family. We live and work at the same place, the collective farm.

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SHAYA and MUSYA have four children. The first one, GITA, is 20 years old (she was born soon after your departure). She is finishing the Doctor's Assistant-Midwife School, she is married (we celebrated her wedding May first). The second one, SOFIYA, is 15 years old. She is attending school, she will finish the 8th Class. The third one, GALINA, is attending school, she will finish the 8th Class, she is 12 years old. The fourth one, GENNADI, a son, is 7 years old. He is attending school and will finish the 1st Class. They are all good children.

GEORGE lives in Moscow, he still works for the Mendeleev Chemical Institute. His title is: "Candidate of Technical Sciences." He is living with his wife LYUDMILA (you saw them once in Moscow) but they have no children.

Well, that is all for now.

Much, much love from all of us to all of you,

your A. KOVAL

SAC, Los Angeles (65-6184)

July 11, 1956

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GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

REGISTERED MAIL

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Origin: New York

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated June 21, 1956.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

former Raven Electric Co. employee, advised he knew subject well in 1942, however, unable to recall any pertinent information regarding subject's background, associates, or relationship with

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DETAILS:

On June 25, 1956, Garfunkel, Inc., Hoboken Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, advised SA that he had been employed by the Raven Electric Company, New York City, during 1942 and 1943 as . He stated that during this period, subject was also an employee and that he and subject had become very friendly. said that the subject had been a guest in his home on at least two occasions, and that on other occasions they had gone out together to various social functions.

According to subject was quite friendly by nature, but never discussed his background in any way. Also, said that he somehow got the

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impression that the subject was alone in the world and came from the western part of the U.S.; he was unable to substantiate his supposition. [] said [] as far as he knew, subject's relationship with [] was strictly on an employer-employee basis, and that subject apparently did not have any friends, at least friends of which [] was aware. [] stated that subject had never committed himself as to his political views and that all conversations were general in nature. In conclusion, [] said that to the best of his recollection, subject entered the military service in 1943 and that he has not been in contact with [] since.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED]
at New York.

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SYNOPSIS:

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Contacts of subject's cousin, [REDACTED] Marinette, Arizona, identified. [REDACTED] Signet Laboratories, Los Angeles, denied knowledge of KOVAL; failed to recognize photograph of subject; does not recall conversation with [REDACTED] at New Years Eve party in 1950, and states he and [REDACTED] had not visited Europe together until spring and summer 1953. [REDACTED] re-affirms New Years Eve party definitely in December 1950 and persons she conversed with were [REDACTED] of Signet Laboratories. Interview of [REDACTED] set forth. HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, uncle and aunt of subject, interviewed 5/24/56, and advised entire KOVAL family departed Sioux City, Iowa, spring 1932, embarking Port of New York for Biro-Bidjan Region, Russia. GURSHTELS advised to their knowledge, none of KOVAL family ever returned to United States and all were present in Russia when they visited there in 1936. HARRY GURSHTEL denied that KOVAL employed for him at Harry's Square Deal Store, Sioux City, 1933-36. On 6/19/56, GOLDIE GURSHTEL advised letter received from

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subject's father, ABRAHAM KOVAL from Russia which reflects subject now married and is instructor Mendelaiv Institute in Moscow. Interviews with PEARL SILVER and SARAH BEGUN set forth. [] recalls KOVAL as fellow ASTP student at New York City College (NYCC) last semester 1944. [] states not closely associated with KOVAL at NYCC or MED, Oak Ridge, and has not seen nor heard of KOVAL since 1945. [] fellow student, NYCC, advised was closely associated with KOVAL, 1946-48. KOVAL indicated to [] no foreign residence 1932-40. [] states reasonably certain KOVAL had no part-time employment, New York City, during 1947 and 1948. [] identified two other associates of KOVAL.

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DETAILS:

Identity of Contacts, Subject's Cousin,
[] Marinette, Arizona

CALIF [] and [] who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 14, March 1 and March 15, 1956, that [] received mail at [] Marinette, Arizona, from the following:

Letter from []
Los Angeles 6, California,
Postmarked Las Vegas, Nevada, February 3, 1956

The Central Directory, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, of the Los Angeles Street Address Directory dated June 6, 1956, reflects that [] resides at [] [] Los Angeles, California, telephone Webster 90232.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 18 and 21, 1955, that during April and July 1954, and February and July 1955, [] then residing at []

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Corcoran, California, telephone numbers 694M and 632M, made numerous telephone calls to one [redacted] (phonetic) at Los Angeles, telephone numbers WY 00232, Logan 0-0232, and Webster 90232. CALIF

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advised Special Agent [redacted] on May 2, 1956, she is the mother of [redacted] who is married to [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] is the mother of her son's wife.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office reflect no information which could be identified with [redacted] or [redacted]

Letter Postmarked Anaheim, California.
February 14, 1956, from [redacted]
Van Nuys, California

The Northwest Section Directory, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles Extended Area, reflects that [redacted] Van Nuys, California, is listed for telephone State 56603.

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100B Mrs. HARRY KURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on May 24, 1956. He advised his wife, GOLDIE KURSHTEL, is an aunt of GEORGE KOVAL. He stated that [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] Van Nuys, California.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no information which could be identified with the names [redacted]
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Letter from [redacted]
#10, Los Angeles, California

The Los Angeles Central Directory of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company dated June 1956, reflects that [redacted] is listed for telephone Webster 60262.

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Letter Postmarked February 15 at
Fresno, California, from P. O.
Box 1328, Fresno, California

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[] who has furnished reliable information in the past,
advised on April 19, 1956, that P. O. Box 1328, Fresno, California,
is listed to Temple Beth Israel, Rabbi DAVID L. GREENBERG, Pastor.

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The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation reflect no pertinent identifiable informa-
tion concerning []

Letter Postmarked February 18,
Los Angeles, from []
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Hollywood 46, California

On May 2, 1956, []
Avenue, Los Angeles, was interviewed by Special Agent []
[] She advised she is the mother
of [] who is married to [] and who resides in
Marinette, Arizona.

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Letter Postmarked February 25, 1956,
Los Angeles, from []
Avenue, Los Angeles

[] advised on May 2, 1956, that []
[] currently resides at []

Letter Postmarked February 26, 1956,
Los Angeles, California, from
DAVID CLINE, O. D., 307 North
Mansfield, Los Angeles, California

Mrs. PEARL SILVER, 1209 North Orange Grove Avenue,
advised Special Agents []
on May 2, 1956, that [] is a relative of []
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Letter Postmarked Beverly Hills,
California (no date shown), from [redacted]
[redacted] Beverly Hills, California

The Western Section Telephone Directory of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles Area Extended, reflects that [redacted] Beverly Hills, California, is the address listed for [redacted] telephone CR 19438 and CR 60895.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no pertinent identifiable information regarding this [redacted]

Letter Postmarked March 9, 1956,
Van Nuys, California, from GOLDIE
GURSIITIL (?), 15203 Hartsook,
Sherman Oaks, California

On May 24, 1956, GOLDIE GURSHTL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] She advised she is the sister of PEARL SILVER and aunt of [redacted]

Communication Postmarked March 9, 1956,
East Los Angeles, California, from [redacted]
[redacted]
Los Angeles 35, California

The Western Section Telephone Directory, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, reflects that [redacted] is listed for telephone CR 44704 at [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no identifiable information concerning this [redacted]

Regarding [redacted]

It is noted that on February 20, 1956, [redacted] of KOVAL who now resides at [redacted] Avenue, La Verne, California, was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] She advised that she attended a New Years Eve party in December 1950 at an unknown

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address in West Los Angeles with a casual date, [redacted]
 [redacted] She recalled meeting at this party a man and wife
 named [redacted] who told her they were associated with Signet
 Laboratories at Los Angeles. During conversation with this couple,
 the husband mentioned that they knew GEORGE KOVAL who attended
 New York City College and further, that they had met him in
 Paris, France, during a trip to Europe in either 1949 or 1950.

Records of the Retail Merchant's Credit Association,
 Los Angeles, were caused to be searched by SE [redacted] on
 March 2, 1956. These records reflect a report dated November 12,
 1953, for [redacted] age about 34, [redacted]
 residence [redacted] Burbank, California. formerly [redacted]
 [redacted] Pasadena, California, [redacted]
 Oakland, California, originally from Cambridge, Massachusetts.
 This record reflected [redacted] Signet Laboratories,
 614 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles.

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[redacted] Signet Laboratories, 614 North La Peer Avenue, Beverly Hills, California, was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] on May 8, 1956.

[redacted] advised he and his wife [redacted] took a trip to Europe in April, May and June 1953, during which they stayed at Paris, France, for several weeks in June 1953 prior to returning to the United States. They returned to the United States aboard the "Liberte" in June 1953. He said that between Christmas and New Years in 1953, he recalls he and his wife attending an "open house party" at the home of [redacted] and [redacted] Pacific Palisades, California.

[redacted] stated he recalled no conversation concerning a GEORGE KOVAL nor does he recall a conversation with a young woman named [redacted] regarding her acquaintance with GEORGE KOVAL at New York City College. *ALIF*

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[redacted] viewed a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL taken in March 1948 and stated he was positive he had never met this person at any time, especially during his trip to Europe in 1953. He recalled no acquaintances named [redacted] or having met [redacted] at the above-described party.

[redacted] advised that he was employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee for the AEC during the last part of his Army service from January 13, 1945, to January 1946. He stated he was engaged in "personnel procurement" and spent most of his time away from Oak Ridge seeking recruits for special technical assignments at the Oak Ridge Project. He stated that he recalls doing no recruiting at New York City College or from anywhere in New York State.

[redacted] conversed with his wife, [redacted] by telephone and she confirmed no knowledge of a meeting with anyone named GEORGE KOVAL in France during 1953 or at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1945 - 1946. She recalled specifically attending the party at the [redacted] residence in December 1953 but failed to recall a conversation with [redacted] regarding GEORGE KOVAL.

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[] stated specifically he does not recall attending a New Years Eve party in 1950.

[] then contacted [] by telephone to confirm the date of her "open house" party in 1953. She advised him that this party was held between Christmas and New Years Eve 1953. She failed to recall any guests named []

[] states he does not recall any business connection with any firm in New York known as Raven Electric Company or ever having had any dealings with such an organization or a person named []

[] (a confidential source abroad) advised of the following information during 1952 which was attributed to [] whom [] describes as having furnished accurate information in the past but who has apparently withheld information on various occasions:

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[] furnished the following information on November 6, 1953, which was attributed to [] who has furnished reliable and unreliable information in the past: []

"FARADAY" is the code name of an unidentified Soviet Agent who immigrated from Russia to the United States during the period 1900-1905. During the middle 1930s he was recruited by the Technical Intelligence Unit of the General Staff of the Soviet Army. He was subsequently regarded as an "Organizational Resident" rather than an "operational one."

On May 14, 1956, [] La Verne, California, was re-contacted by SA [] She advised she is positive that the New Years Eve party which she attended with [] was held in December 1950. She states she is certain the persons she spoke to about GEORGE KOVAL were a man and wife who were connected in some way with Sarnet Laboratories, but could only recall their names as Mr. and Mrs. [] She stated she is positive that she and the husband of this couple were talking about the same GEORGE KOVAL and recalls that this man acknowledged the identity of KOVAL by indicating knowledge of KOVAL's attendance at NYCC and later assignment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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She said it could be possible that this man, [] could have known of KOVAL indirectly through other associates but she has the definite recollection of the conversation with this man pertaining to KOVAL's attendance at New York City College during the war and his later assignment at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

She further specifically recalls conversation of this man and his wife to the effect that they had met GEORGE KOVAL in Paris, France, during a trip to Europe from which they had recently returned. She stated ordinarily such a casual conversation would not have impressed her memory; however, this was the only persons she had ever met who knew of GEORGE KOVAL or had seen or heard of him since his disappearance in 1948. Thus, it was extremely important to her at this time and therefore, she felt it not unusual that she would recall the above-described conversation.

Interview of []

On June 19, 1956 [] also known as [] was located at Vista Del Mar Child Care Center, 3200 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, and was interviewed by Special Agents []

[] stated he recalls attending a New Years Eve party in December 1950 with [] then known to him as [] This New Years Eve party, he recalls, was held at an address in North Hollywood. He related he had received an invitation from a friend, [] a psychiatrist, to attend a New Years Eve party of another person, [] who was a Psychiatric Social Worker from the University of California at Los Angeles. He recalls this party was held at [] residence in North Hollywood. He said he and [] met [] at his residence, [] in West Los Angeles, and drove to this party

He stated that [] is now married to a man named [] and resides at [] Playa Del Rey, Telephone Exbrook 97285.

He vaguely recalls that during the evening of this New Years party, [] had a conversation with a couple but he does not recall to what this conversation pertained nor the identity of the couple.

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[] stated he does not know GEORGE KOVAL and does not recall [] mentioning this name to him during that evening.

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Interview of HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL

On May 21, 1956, GOLDIE GURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, was interviewed by Special Agents []

She briefly advised that her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL and his entire family, including his wife, ETHEL KOVAL, and his three sons, ISAIAH, GEORGE, and GABRIEL, departed the United States in 1932 for Russia. She said she and her husband, HARRY GURSHTEL visited them in Russia during 1936 but she has not heard from them in over twenty years. *1000A N.Y.*

In the absence of her husband, HARRY GURSHTEL, she requested that this interview be deferred until he was present with her.

On May 24, 1956, HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, were interviewed by Special Agents [] They stated that ABRAHAM KOVAL is the brother of GOLDIE GURSHTEL and GEORGE KOVAL is her nephew. The GURSHTELS advised that the entire KOVAL family had departed Sioux City, Iowa, where they were then residing during the spring of 1932. They left by train for New York City where they later embarked by ship, the name of which was unknown to them, en route to Russia.

The GURSHTELS stated that ABRAHAM KOVAL had, for many years prior to 1932, been interested in returning to Russia to the settlement in Biro-Bidjan. They stated that the KOVAL family reached Russia safely and settled in Biro-Bidjan, Far Eastern Region of the "Jewish Autonomous State."

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They stated that in 1936 they traveled to Europe during which time they visited HARRY GURSHTEL's parents, who were then in Poland, and later visited ABRAHAM KOVAL and his family in the Far Eastern Region of Biro-Bidjan. They said they spent about one week with the KOVAL family.

At that time, GEORGE and ISIAH KOVAL, the two oldest sons of ABRAHAM, were assisting their father on a collective farm. They stated the youngest son, GABRIEL, had finished school and was, during their visit, away from home on a vacation trip.

The GURSHTELS stated that upon their return, they corresponded with ABRAHAM KOVAL until around 1937, after which date no replies were received from letters written to him.

The California Legislature, Fourth Report of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948, page 196, reflects that "Biro-Bidjan is a Jewish Communist Colony in the Soviet Union."

The GURSHTELS both advised that to their knowledge, none of the KOVAL family have ever returned to the United States.

They were shown a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL taken in March 1948 but both stated they could not recognize this photograph as GEORGE KOVAL and doubted whether they would recognize this subject due to the length of time elapsed since they last saw him in 1936.

GOLDIE GURSHTEL advised she last attempted contact with ABRAHAM KOVAL by letter in early January 1956. GOLDIE GURSHTEL advised that during their trip to Europe in 1936, while visiting in Poland, she visited briefly with her sister, IDA ABORAMOVICH and her husband, AARON ABORAMOVICH, who were then residing at a village named Telechan near Pinsk, Poland. She said that IDA ABORAMOVICH is a sister of ABRAHAM KOVAL and an aunt of GEORGE KOVAL. She stated this was the last time she saw or heard from IDA ABORAMOVICH or her family and had heard rumors which came to them from survivors who escaped to Israel during the war, that the ABORAMOVICH family were among those massacred by the Nazis at Pinsk, Poland, during World War II. She stated she had no information that GEORGE KOVAL had ever attempted to locate or visit this aunt, IDA ABORAMOVICH, in Poland.

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GOLDIE GURSHTEL furnished the following information concerning relatives of ABRAHAM KOVAL who reside in the United States.

PEARL SILVER is the sister of ABRAHAM KOVAL. PEARL formerly lived in Sioux City, Iowa, where she was married to SAM GERTZ. She had one child, [redacted] by SAM before they were divorced. She married PAUL SILVER and later moved to Los Angeles in 1948. PEARL SILVER is now deceased. [redacted]

[redacted] were born to PEARL SILVER. [redacted] is now married to [redacted] Los Angeles, California. [redacted] was previously married and divorced and is now married to [redacted] and resides on [redacted] Van Nuys, California.

SARAH BEGUN is also a sister of ABRAHAM KOVAL, according to Mrs. GURSHTEL. SARAH BEGUN resides at 1425 North Formosa Avenue, Los Angeles. She formerly resided at Sioux City, Iowa, and was married to MORRIS BEGUN. The BEGUNS moved to Los Angeles from Sioux City, Iowa, in 1941 or 1942. MORRIS BEGUN is now deceased.

SARAH had two daughters by BEGUN. [redacted] also known as [redacted] who was married and divorced from a man in Sioux City, name unrecalled, and is now married to [redacted] and resides at [redacted] Los Angeles.

[redacted] is the other daughter of SARAH. She resides [redacted] and is employed as a Los Angeles school teacher.

GOLDIE GURSHTEL advised she has one other brother, MOISCHE KOVAL, also known as MORRIS KOVAL, age about 80 years, who lives in San Cayetano, Argentina, with his son [redacted]. She said that correspondence with MOISCHE KOVAL has reflected no information that he has been able to correspond with ABRAHAM KOVAL or has learned anything of the KOVAL family in Russia.

The GURSHTELS advised that they have no children.

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It is noted that records of the Manhattan Engineering District, security file, disclosed that from 1933 to 1936, GEORGE KOVAL listed employment at the "Square Deal Company, 928 - 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa."

HARRY GURSHTTEL advised that GEORGE KOVAL was part-time employed for him at his former store known as Harry's Square Deal Store located at 928 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, during the afternoons while he was attending high school in about 1930 and during the summer months while attending the University of Iowa from 1930 to 1932. HARRY GURSHTTEL stated that GEORGE KOVAL was not employed by him between 1933 and 1936 and to his knowledge, had never returned to the United States after departing for Russia in 1932.

[] another Government agency which maintains personnel records, furnished information on May 8, 1955, that on January 2, 1941, GEORGE KOVAL indicated his residence to be 3470 Cannon Place, Apartment I-42, Bronx, New York, in care of ABRAHAM SILVER.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1955 that during 1941, GEORGE KOVAL reportedly resided at 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, New York.

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HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTTEL advised during interview on May 24, 1956, that they know of no relatives of the KOVAL family named [] and knew of no such persons who resided in New York City during 1941.

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On June 19, 1956, GOLDIE GURSHTTEL telephonically advised Special Agent [] that on Friday, June 15, 1956, she had received a letter in the mail from her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL, who lives in Russia. She said this letter contained news of GEORGE KOVAL.

Mrs. GURSHTTEL was re-interviewed on June 19, 1956, by Special Agents [] She produced a letter addressed to GOLDIE GURSHTTEL, 15203 Hartsook, Sherman Oaks, California, USA, in both English and the Russian languages. The letter bears a Russian postmark dated May 22, 1956, according to Mrs. GURSHTTEL. The letter is written in the Russian language on both sides of one sheet of paper. The letter itself is dated May 20, 1956. Mrs. GURSHTTEL advised she recognizes the handwriting of this letter as that of her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL.

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She states that the letter contains news of the KOVAL family in Russia as follows:

"GABRIEL KOVAL, the youngest son, was killed by the Nazis in 1943 while serving with the Russian Army. ETHEL KOVAL, ABRAHAM's wife, died of cancer in 1952. ISAAH KOVAL, the oldest brother, is married and has four children. ~~GEORGE KOVAL~~ is now in Moscow teaching in the Chemical (?) Institute of Mendelaiv. He lives with his wife LUDMILA (? sp), but has no children."

Mrs. GURSHTEL advised this is the first letter she has received from her brother in about 20 years and is the first news she has learned of the KOVAL family in Russia.

Interview of PEARL SILVER, subject's aunt

On May 2, 1956, Mrs. PEARL SILVER, 1209 North Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles, was interviewed by Special Agents

Mrs. SILVER advised she is the sister of ABRAHAM KOVAL and aunt of GEORGE KOVAL. She stated that the entire KOVAL family departed Sioux City, Iowa in 1932 for Russia and to her knowledge, none of this family have ever returned to the United States. She stated that attempts by her to correspond with ABRAHAM KOVAL have met with no replies. She said she had heard a rumor some time during World War II that GABRIEL KOVAL, the youngest brother of GEORGE KOVAL, had been killed during the war but could not recall the source of this information. She stated specifically that she had no knowledge that GEORGE KOVAL was in the United States during World War II.

Mrs. SILVER said that she had corresponded with MOISCHE KOVAL, her brother who lives in Argentina, from time to time, but MOISCHE KOVAL had never indicated any knowledge of the ABRAHAM KOVAL family in Russia.

PEARL SILVER stated she had never resided in New York City and had no knowledge of a [redacted] who resided in New York in 1940 or 1941. She states she recalled none of her deceased's husband's relatives who were named [redacted] or [redacted]

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Mrs. SILVER advised she was first married to SAM GERTZ in Sioux City, Iowa, from whom she was divorced. She later married PAUL SILVER and moved to Los Angeles around 1948. She states she has three children, one daughter by SAM GERTZ, named [redacted] who is now married to [redacted] and resides at Van Nuys, California. She stated she has twin sons, [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Los Angeles, and [redacted] who resides at Marinette, Arizona. She states that she is positive that none of her children have seen or heard from GEORGE KOVAL since he left the United States in 1932.

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Interview of Mrs. SARAH BEGUN, subject's aunt

On May 23, 1956, Mrs. SARAH BEGUN, 1425 North Formosa Avenue, Los Angeles, was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted]
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She advised that her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL, his wife ETHEL, and three sons, ISAAH, GEORGE and GABRIEL, formerly lived in Sioux City, Iowa. The KOVAL family departed Sioux City in 1932 for Biro-Bidjan Settlement in Russia. She said they left Sioux City by train and thinks they went to New York City where they left by ship for Russia. She advised she personally has had no contact with the KOVAL family since their leaving in 1932.

She advised that her sister, Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL visited Russia in 1936 and told them upon returning, that they had visited her brother ABRAHAM and his family who were then living on a farm in Biro-Bidjan. She stated that the GURSHTELS advised that GEORGE KOVAL and ISAAH KOVAL were then on the farm with their father, but the younger brother, GABRIEL, was away at that time.

She advised that her brother, MOISCHE KOVAL, who lives in Argentina, has not advised her in correspondence of any contact with GEORGE KOVAL or any others of the KOVAL family in Russia.

Mrs. BEGUN advised that during a trip by the GURSHTELS to Europe in 1936, they also visited another sister of ABRAHAM KOVAL, IDA ABORAMOVICH and her husband AARON, who then lived at Telechan near Pinsk in Poland. She stated that rumor has come

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to her during World War II, that the ABORAMOVICH family were massacred by the Nazis in Poland in about 1940 or 1941. She states she has had no other report that the ABORAMOVICH family is living.

Mrs. BEGUN states she has no knowledge that GEORGE KOVAL has ever returned to the United States. She stated she did not know any person named [redacted] who resided in New York City in 1940 or 1941 and stated she has no relatives by that name. Mrs. BEGUN further advised that she is not acquainted with the person named [redacted] or has ever heard of the Raven Electric Company.

Mrs. BEGUN advised she has two daughters who live in Los Angeles. She identified these as [redacted] wife of [redacted] who resides at [redacted] and is employed at a market in Los Angeles. She said [redacted] is employed in the movie studios.

Her other daughter she described as [redacted] and unmarried. [redacted] is employed as a school teacher in the Los Angeles City Schools and resides with [redacted]

Mrs. BEGUN advised that none of her relatives in Los Angeles have ever mentioned to her knowledge of GEORGE KOVAL having been in the United States during World War II.

Mrs. BEGUN was shown a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL taken in March 1948 and after observation, denied she could recognize it as a photograph of her nephew, GEORGE KOVAL. She stated however, that she does not know whether she would recognize GEORGE KOVAL since she has not seen him since 1932. She stated further, that this photograph in her opinion, bore no family resemblance to her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL or his wife ETHEL KOVAL. She could not however, state that this was not a photograph of her nephew GEORGE KOVAL.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in May 1954 that [redacted] was then under consideration for a confidential assignment for the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP).

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[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in August 1954 that [] was in possession of records of the LACCP reflecting the name [] [] could not advise further significance of this name and address nor could this informant furnish further explanation as to why it appeared among records of the LACCP.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI ^{LOS ANGELES, CALIF.} reflect no pertinent identifiable information with the names []

Interview of []

On May 11, 1956, [] was located at Reed and Curtis Scientific Instrument Company, 307 Culver Boulevard, Playa Del Rey, California, and interviewed by Special Agent []

[] advised he vaguely recalled GEORGE KOVAL as a fellow ASTP student at New York City College during the last semester of the year 1944. [] stated that he was transferred from the University of California and joined this ASTP class after it had been in progress for one semester. He stated he was not closely associated with KOVAL either at New York City College or later during their assignment at the Manhattan Engineering District at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He definitely stated he was not KOVAL's roommate at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, except for a short period after first arriving at Oak Ridge when the entire group from New York City College were all temporarily assigned to barracks and all lived in the same building.

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He recalls KOVAL as a good student and knows nothing concerning KOVAL's background or associates outside of his fellow students. [] recalls KOVAL was possibly assigned to the Health and Physics Division of Clinton Laboratories at MRL and recalls he was possibly transferred by the AEC to either Los Alamos or Dayton, Ohio, AEC Projects sometime late in 1945.

[] states he has not seen nor heard from KOVAL since 1945. [] states that a fellow ASTP student, [] knew KOVAL at NYCC prior to [] transfer to the ASTP unit and he thought perhaps [] could furnish more helpful information regarding KOVAL. He stated that [] current address is unknown to him but this could most likely be obtained through records at NYCC.

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He recalled nothing unusual or suspicious regarding KOVAL during the period at NYCC or later during their assignment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Interview of [] former associate

On June 8, 1956, []

NEE [] San Fernando, California, advised Special Agent [] that she knew GEORGE KOVAL through her husband's close acquaintance with him in the period 1946-48 at NYCC. She said KOVAL came to their home on Finley Avenue in the Bronx on several occasions during this two year period for meals and to study with []. She recalled nothing specific regarding KOVAL that would lead her to suspect him of subversive interest or sympathy for a foreign government. She said that neither she nor her husband has ever heard from KOVAL since May 1948 when her husband graduated from NYCC and they moved from New York to California.

On June 8, 1956, [] also known as [] was located at Union Industrial Supply, Inc, 10610 Culver Boulevard, Culver City, California, and interviewed by Special Agent []

He advised he resides at [] San Fernando, California. [] recognized a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL taken in March 1948 as the GEORGE KOVAL he knew as a student at NYCC from about September 1946 to May 1948. He stated he met KOVAL during classes at NYCC and became very friendly with him over the period 1946 - 1948. He said KOVAL and he studied together, perhaps dozens of times each month and KOVAL ate many meals at his home. He said they also participated in activities of an engineering fraternity at NYCC, Eta Kappa Nu. In fact, [] was instrumental, he said, in electing KOVAL as local Chapter President of this fraternity. [] also advised he attended dances, beach parties, and boating with KOVAL.

[] stated he and KOVAL talked a great deal and KOVAL spoke many times of his past. [] could not recall any information regarding KOVAL's statements concerning his early youth except that he gained the impression that the KOVAL family life was not a happy one. He said KOVAL never spoke of politics or indicated any interest in Communism or sympathy for a foreign country. He recalls that KOVAL usually took an indifferent attitude regarding such conversations.

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He said before KOVAL met his sister, [] he dated several women in New York City. At social events, KOVAL always showed up with some "exotic-looking refugee type" and never with the same woman twice. KOVAL later would tell him of his experiences with each date.

[] advised he might have some snapshots of KOVAL and these unidentified women and would attempt to locate them and furnish to the FBI.

[] advised KOVAL spoke freely of his life in the Army during World War II and his assignment at Oak Ridge, Tenn. KOVAL once confided in [] that he had an affair with the [] and secretly met her many times during his stay at Oak Ridge.

[] recalled that in 1948, all other graduating students at NYCC were very concerned about their future employment but KOVAL was generally unconcerned. KOVAL had spoken of plans to go back with his former employer, Raven Electric Company in New York City where KOVAL stated he had been employed prior to World War II. [] stated KOVAL was definitely interested in "sales." [] recalls distinctly that during 1946 - 1948, KOVAL had no other employment outside of attending NYCC and his only apparent income was through GI benefits from the Veterans Administration.

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KOVAL never mentioned to [] having any relatives in New York City and to [] knowledge, he had no close associates outside of classmates. [] does not recall KOVAL ever mentioning an acquaintance with one []. He advised he feels certain that he and KOVAL were on such friendly terms that KOVAL would have corresponded with him after graduating from NYCC but to the contrary, he has not heard from KOVAL since May 1948.

[] now recalls that KOVAL usually appeared at class in the morning with the general appearance of either having studied all night or having been "out on the town." He stated KOVAL did not impress him as particularly a "spender" but one who watched his funds very carefully. He stated KOVAL never mentioned any other interests other than school subjects.

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[] advised that KOVAL, while attending NYCC, was also very friendly and associated freely with [] a fellow student, who then resided at [] in the Bronx and as of two years ago, resided at [] Apartment 6-G in the Bronx. N.Y.

[] also recalled that at one time in 1947, KOVAL was friendly with [] fellow student at NYCC and KOVAL might have dated [] sister several times. [] states [] address as last recorded by him, is [] Road, Baltimore, Maryland. [] was last employed for the Bendix Corporation in Baltimore. [] stated that after graduating from NYCC, [] attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a short period prior to employment with Bendix Corporation.

Interview of []
and []

On June 8, 1956, [] were also contacted at their place of employment, Union Industrial Supply, Inc., 10610 Culver Boulevard, Culver City, California. They advised they are the brothers of [] Each stated that they knew KOVAL only slightly, having met him through KOVAL's association with their brother, [] Neither could furnish any information concerning KOVAL's past or information concerning his whereabouts since 1948.

On June 11, 1956, [] telephonically contacted Special Agent [] and advised a search of his personal papers failed to reflect snapshots of KOVAL; however, he feels certain he had several snapshots and will continue to look through his personal papers for them and furnish same to the FBI.

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Los Angeles letter to the Bureau May 17, 1956, contained a lead for the Washington Field Office to search records of the Passport Division, U. S. Department of State, for information pertaining to the passport and travel performed by [redacted] and specifically, information reflecting that ROSE traveled to Europe prior to December 1950. An information copy of this report is therefore being forwarded to Washington Field.

By Los Angeles letter to the Director, June 21, 1956, photographs of a letter written in Russian language by ABRAHAM KOVAL, subject's father, dated May 20, 1956, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory with a request for translation. Photographs were also forwarded to New York for completion of their file concerning this matter.

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It is noted that investigation was conducted at Los Angeles during February, March, April, May and June 1956 concerning the identity of [redacted] Arcadia, California; [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles; and [redacted] Hawthorne, California. None of these persons proved identical with subject. In view of recent information reflected in Details of this report that GEORGE KOVAL is now in Moscow, the results of this investigation are not being set forth in the details to avoid unnecessary typing and extraneous material.

In view of information above that GEORGE KOVAL is currently reported residing in Moscow, USSR, no further effort is being made to identify the following correspondents of subject's cousin, [redacted] of Marinette, Arizona:

Apt. #4, 1264 North Harper, Los Angeles 46, Calif.
[redacted] Venice, California;
467½ Midvale, Los Angeles 24, Calif.

The above names were set forth in the report of SA [redacted] dated March 30, 1956, at Phoenix, Arizona. One copy of this report is being forwarded to Phoenix for information purposes.

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Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated March 27, 1956, authorized interview of PEARL SILVER, [REDACTED] HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL and SARAH BEGUN. Los Angeles has made several attempts to contact [REDACTED] Los Angeles, all of which have failed. In view of information from PEARL SILVER, mother of [REDACTED] that her son was much younger than the subject and therefore, does not recall him, as well as information that KOVAL is currently reported residing in Moscow. UACB, no further effort is being made to interview [REDACTED]

The interview of PEARL SILVER reflects that her daughter, [REDACTED] is now married to [REDACTED] and resides at [REDACTED] Avenue, Van Nuys, California. Mrs. SILVER advises she is reasonably certain that her daughter [REDACTED] has neither heard of or seen GEORGE KOVAL since his departure from the United States in 1932. However, interview of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

[REDACTED] La Verne, California, was first interviewed February 20, 1956, by Special Agent [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] complete results of which were set forth in report of SA [REDACTED] dated March 9, 1956. However, for purpose of clarity, pertinent parts of this interview regarding [REDACTED] was re-set forth in details of this report.

Los Angeles file reflects that copy of report of SA [REDACTED], dated November 19, 1955, at New York; was sent to Baltimore, therefore, no additional background concerning GEORGE KOVAL is being set forth herein for information of Baltimore.

One copy of this report is being forwarded to Phoenix in view of information reflected herein concerning the identity of persons in correspondence with [REDACTED] Marinette, Arizona, as requested in report of SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dated March 30, 1956, at Phoenix.

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BALTIMORE DIVISION

At Baltimore, Maryland

Will locate and interview [] fellow student of KOVAL at NYCC, 1946-48, last reported residing [] Road, Baltimore, Maryland, and last known employed for Bendix Corporation in Baltimore.

Will ascertain identity of [] sister and interview her regarding her knowledge of KOVAL's activities in 1946-48, and his background, especially his activities from 1932 - 1941.

NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, N. Y.

Will consider advisability of locating current address of [] fellow student of KOVAL at NYCC during 1944, from records NYCC and interview of [] concerning his knowledge of GEORGE KOVAL's activities in 1946 - 1948, and subject's background.

Will locate [] last reported residing at [] Bronx, New York, and interview concerning his knowledge of GEORGE KOVAL's activities in 1946-1948 period and concerning KOVAL's background.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California

Will await results of FBI Laboratory translation of letter from ABRAHAM KOVAL dated May 20, 1956, after which will return original letter to Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California.

Will follow up with [] Street, San Fernando, California, and obtain photos of KOVAL which [] states show unidentified woman with whom KOVAL associated in 1946-1948 period.

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Will interview [redacted]
Avenue. Playa Del Rey, California, regarding her knowledge of
[redacted]
[redacted] as guests at her New Years Eve party in December 1950.

Will, upon receipt of information from Washington
Field regarding check of records, Passport Office, Department
of State, concerning possible travel of [redacted] to
Europe prior to December 1950, consider re-interview of [redacted]

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Careful consideration has been given to each source
concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in
those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

[redacted] [redacted] Marinette, Arizona,
to SA [redacted] 1/18:2/14:3/1.15/56, re mail
received by [redacted] Marinette,
during February and March 1956. (Report of SA [redacted]
[redacted] Phoenix, March 30, 1956).

[redacted] [redacted] Marinette, Arizona,
to SA [redacted] 1/18:2/14:3/1.15/56, re mail
received by [redacted]
Marinette, Arizona. (Report SA [redacted]
Phoenix, 3/30/56).

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[redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] Corcoran, California, to SA [redacted]
[redacted]
February and July 1955. 65-6124 (concealed at
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[redacted] [redacted]
Fresno, California, 4/19/56, to SA [redacted]
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California. (Concealed at request)

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[] [] Los Angeles,
as caused to be searched and reported by SE []
[] on February 28, 1956, re []
[] Los Angeles. (Conceal at
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[] SA [] 3/22/56, New York (65-16756).
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[] Bronx, New York.
Background info re KOVAL on 5/8/55 to SE []
[] NY 65-16756.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated
March 9, 1956, at Los Angeles.
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated
March 30, 1956, at Phoenix.
Report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated March 22, 1956, at New York City.
Report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated May 25, 1956, at New York City.
Los Angeles letter to the Director dated June
21, 1956.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 7-11-56

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (65-1499)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 7-11-56 at Kansas City, attached.

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Information contained therein does not warrant security classification designation of "~~Confidential~~"; and the report, accordingly, is not stamped. However, this office is not aware of ramifications of the case and suggests that the title and character in themselves may be sufficient to warrant a "~~Confidential~~" designation. If the report should be so stamped, the Bureau is requested to advise Kansas City, Boston, New York, and Washington Field offices. (U)

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REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JUL 11 1956	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6-19; 7-3-56
TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KOVAL		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY mlk
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS:

No record of KOVAL located at Credit Bureau or Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri; not known as member of electrical or mechanical engineers' societies, Kansas City, Missouri.

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DETAILS:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, and Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, each advised on June 19, 1956, that they have no record of GEORGE KOVAL as a resident of Kansas City, Missouri.

American Society of Mechanical Engineering, informed on June 19, 1956, that he had checked the rosters of the society members in Kansas City from 1948 to 1951 and had not found the name of subject listed therein. He

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also stated that he had telephonically contacted a number of the more active members of this society, and none of them were acquainted with a mechanical engineer by the name of KOVAL.

[] active member of the American Society of Electrical Engineers, employed at the Kansas City Power and Light Company, advised on July 3, 1956, that a check of the yearbook of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers by him failed to disclose the name of KOVAL as a member. He suggested the possibility that the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, all located at 33 West 39th Street, New York City, would be the best sources of information for determining whether or not an individual had been a practicing engineer. These associations would have fairly complete background information concerning all members or candidates for membership, including education and employment.

He also informed that the National Society of Professional Engineers has available to it service records of all engineers who have registered with various State societies for the purpose of practicing as engineers. He suggested that contact with this organization at Washington, D. C., might be productive.

[] also advised that the yearbook of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers listed as a member an individual named [] who is employed as a []
[] Boston, Massachusetts. He became an associate member in 1949. He pointed out that this was the only individual with the same surname as the subject and suggested the possibility of some relationship because of the unusual name.

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For the information of the Washington Field office, which office has not received a prior communication regarding this investigation, the following brief summary is set forth:

Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York City [redacted]

[redacted] During 1945, he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret". In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative", he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the SS AMERICA destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa, during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York, on February 1, 1948.

LEADS

BOSTON DIVISION:

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

1. Will check indices to determine if any derogatory information is available concerning [redacted]
2. [redacted] Ascertain if information available concerning [redacted] at Sylvania, would indicate relationship with subject.
3. [redacted] If no derogatory information is developed, interview [redacted] to ascertain if he has any information as to whereabouts of subject.

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NEW YORK DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will contact American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and American Institute of Electrical Engineers, each located at 33 West 39th Street, New York City, for any information which may be available concerning subject.

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.:

Will contact National Society of Professional Engineers to determine if information is available in their records concerning the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED], dated May 25, 1956, at New York.

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Re Kansas City letter 7-11-56
transmitting copies of report of SA
 dated 7-11-56 at Kansas City.

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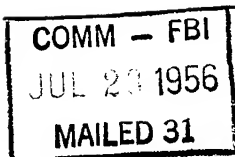
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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

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Date: July 16, 1956

To: Director, FBI (65-62911)

WTB From: Legal Attache, Paris (65-335)

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
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Re Paris let 5/31/56

On 7/13/56 [redacted] (B) advised that background information is being obtained concerning [redacted] prior to conducting the requested interview, and that this office will be advised of the results of the interview.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 7/19/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESP-R

Rereps made at Los Angeles by SA [redacted] 3/9/56
and 7/2/56 and WFO let 7/11/56, captioned as above.

Upon receipt of the photograph of [redacted] from the WFO, it is suggested that the LA Office display that photograph to [redacted] in an attempt to establish whether or not [redacted] is identical with the person whom [redacted] recalled as having met at a New Year's Eve party during 1950.

In view of the subject's apparent present residence in the USSR, emphasis is now being given to establish when the subject re-entered the United States, subsequent to his departure during 1933, and whether or not his assignment at the MED, Oak Ridge, while a member of the US Army during 1944, was a "coincidence." In that regard, as reported in rerep of 7/2/56, [redacted] statements relating to his Army service at Oak Ridge which involved "personnel procurement" for the AEC is of possible significance.

Rerep of 3/9/56, which reported the results of an interview with the subject's [redacted] disclosed that according to [redacted] the subject was closely associated with a zoology professor at Columbia University during 1948. In an attempt to identify that individual, the following names of Columbia University faculty members assigned to the Zoology Department during the school year 1947-1948, should be discussed with [redacted] for possible identification of the subject's alleged associate:

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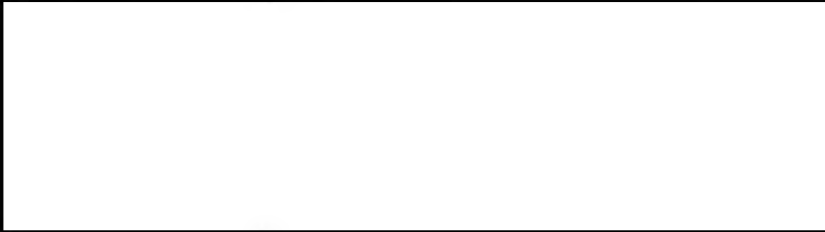
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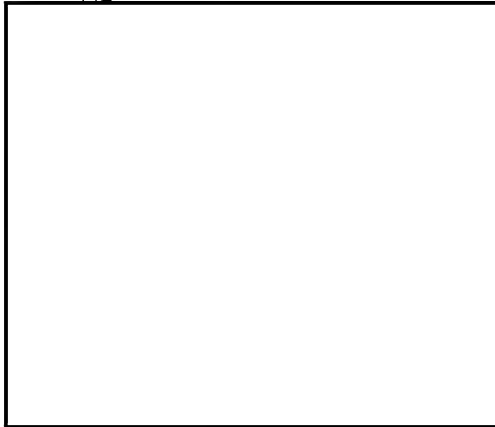
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The following individuals were graduate students
employed in the Zoology Department:



It is noted that the above information pertaining
to Zoology Department faculty members at Columbia University
was made available by [redacted] Zoology
Department, Columbia University to SA [redacted] on
June 14, 1956.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : R. R. ROACH

DATE: July 18, 1956

FROM : S. J. PAPICH

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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On July 16, 1956, [redacted] of CIA advised
 that the Bureau had transmitted a letter to CIA dated
 May 16, 1956, [redacted] (S)

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ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the atten-
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cc: Mr. Roach

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)
 SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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DATE: 8/2/56

Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report
 of SA [redacted] NY, dated and captioned as above.

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In an attempt to develop all available information relating to the subject's selection for the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) during World War II and his subsequent assignment to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED), at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio, during the period 1944-1946 St. Louis is requested to conduct the following record checks at the Federal Records Center (FRC), St. Louis, Missouri:

Will attempt to locate US Army records pertaining to ASTP "STAR Center (Specialized Training and Reassignment Center), The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina," and if successful review those records for any information relating to the subject's selection into the ASTP, such as Army officers and civilian personnel who interviewed or recommended him for ASTP training. In that regard will also attempt to obtain ASTP records for "ASTU 3225" the subject's Army Specialized Training Unit at CCNY. Any records located concerning ASTU 3225 should be reviewed concerning the subject for pertinent information, as described above, and specifically for information relating to his assignment to the MED, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Emphasis should be given to ascertain the identities of Army officers or civilian personnel who recommended the subject for the above assignment. In the event it is determined at St. Louis that the above records may be located elsewhere St. Louis is requested to set out the necessary leads to locate and review that information.

In addition to the above, St. Louis is requested to locate US Army service files for the following individuals

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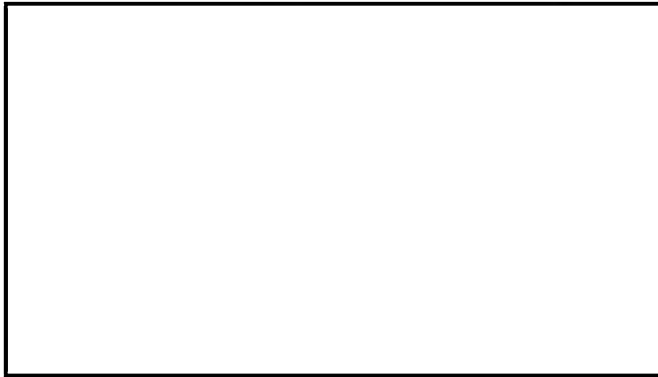
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RE: GEORGE KOVAL
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described in the attached report as US Army staff officers who administered the ASTP at CCNY. The purpose of this investigation is to ascertain the last known addresses for those individuals to facilitate interviews with them concerning the subject and the administration of the ASTP, CCNY:

Colonel RAYMOND P. COOKE (subject's MED security file disclosed one Colonel COOK, 10001 Chattanooga Engineer's Battalion as his "former commanding officer")



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The exact military status (regular Army or reserve), Army service numbers, and pertinent background data are not presently known concerning the above officers.

St. Louis is also requested to attempt to locate and review the Army service files of Lieutenant [redacted] 10001 Engineering Battalion, APD Number 26, who was listed by subject in his MED questionnaire as a "reference."

The WFO will at the Washington Atomic Energy Commission Security Office, Washington, D.C., review the subject's MED security file and other available MED records pertinent to subject's assignment with MED at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio, in an attempt to develop in detail all information relating to the exact nature of subject's duties at Oak Ridge and Dayton including

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8/2/56

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his leave and travel records. Emphasis should be given to ascertain whether or not the MED conducted a "clearance investigation" of the subject and if so report the results of that investigation.

In the event the WFO is unable to locate MED records at the Atomic Energy Commission Security Office, WFO will expeditiously advise St. Louis thereof, and St. Louis will attempt to locate pertinent MED records at the FRC, St. Louis, for review as designated above for the WFO.

The Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of requesting its liaison representative at Paris, France, to verify subject's reported residence at the Hotel Litre during and around October 21, 1948, and to develop any available information concerning the subject's activities while in Paris, France.

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SYNOPSIS:

[redacted] College of the City of NY (CCNY) advised identities of officers who administered Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at CCNY 1943-1944 unrecalled. Staff officers ASTP, CCNY, and Instructional Staff Military Service Department as listed in 10/6/43 edition CCNY newspaper "The Campus" and "CCNY Bulletin" 1942-1943 set forth. Subject's personnel folder as filed with ASTP records CCNY disclosed he was screened for ASTP at The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, and that ASTP unit, CCNY, was designated as "ASTU 3225". [redacted] advised that post card received from subject postmarked 10/21/48, Paris, France, disclosed subject resided at Hotel Litre, Paris, France. [redacted] advised that subject held a position of key importance with Raven Electric Company (REC), NYC, during 1940 and 1941. Stated he could recall nothing concerning relationship between KOVAL and [redacted] which suggested their involvement in subversive activity. Results of recontact with [redacted] set forth. [redacted] advised that she was casually

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acquainted with subject during the summer of 1947 or 1948. Unable to recall any information regarding subject's background activities or present whereabouts.

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DETAILS:

Regarding the Army Specialized Training Program, College of the City of New York

[redacted]
College of the City of New York (CCNY) was interviewed on May 11, 1956, by SA [redacted] and advised as follows:

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The Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) was instituted at CCNY by the United States Army during the spring of 1943. The unit was administered by a staff of United States Army officers under the command of Colonel RAYMOND P. COOKE who died shortly subsequent to World War II. The faculty at CCNY made certain suggestions as to the curriculum for the training unit but the training program was in its entirety designed and supervised by the United States Army. The training program was originally scheduled to afford one year's training in various language, technical and mathematical subjects but it is recalled that the Army shortened the training period to a duration of approximately nine months.

The ASTP class members were selected at various United States Army basic training camps on the basis of Army aptitude tests. Military assignments from CCNY for the various ASTP classes were made exclusively by the Army without consultation with faculty members of CCNY. The possibility of a class member having any information pertaining to his assignment prior to the completion of the

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ASTP training was described as inconceivable and in all probability not known to the ASTP staff officers themselves until the actual assignments were made by the Department of the Army.

WALTER KNITTLE, former Director of the evening session, CCNY, deceased during 1947, was described as the "co-ordinator of related ASTP and CCNY matters," such as campus housing and student recreational activities and had considerable contact with the Army officers in that regard.

Other than KNITTLE the faculty at CCNY had little contact with the Army administrative staff because of which the identities of those officers are presently unrecalled.

On May 14, 1956, [] advised SA [] that he conferred with the following faculty members of CCNY regarding their knowledge of the identities of the Army officers who directed the ASTP at CCNY, each of whom were unable to recall the name of an officer connected with that program: *College of The City of New York*

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[] stated the above faculty members are the only individuals known to him who had some direct connection with the ASTP administrative staff at CCNY during 1943-1944.

[] Office of the Registrar, on May 22, 1956, made available to SA [] the weekly issues of the CCNY newspaper "The Campus" for the period June, 1943, through June, 1944. The issue dated October 6, 1943, disclosed an article which identified the staff officers of the ASTP at CCNY as follows:

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TRAINING PROGRAM

Colonel RAYMOND P. COOKE, Commandant

Major CHRISTOPHER MICHEL

Major FRANK CHRISTIAN

Colonel J. B. GRIER

A review of the "CCNY Bulletin 1942-1943" (last bulletin published until 1946) as made available by Mr. [redacted] to SA [redacted] on May 22, 1956, in addition to the above individuals identified the following as "Instructional Staff, Military Science Department:"

Major THEODORE NEWMAN

Lieutenant Colonel C. O. BUCKLAND

Major CANTER (first name not listed.)

[redacted] also made available for review the 1944 CCNY yearbook "Microcosm - Lexican" which, other than an article summarizing the purpose of the ASTP at CCNY, failed to disclose information pertinent to this investigation.

[redacted] CCNY, was contacted by SA [redacted] on July 12, 1956, and advised as follows:

A thorough search of available ASTP records failed to disclose information relating to the administration of the ASTP at CCNY by the United States Army. The ASTP records maintained in the permanent custody of CCNY consist of a 'personnel folder for each ASTP member and instructor's rollbooks."

The subject's personnel folder was reviewed which disclosed the following information not previously known concerning him:

He was screened for the ASTP at The Citadel,

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Charleston, South Carolina, which university was also designated as his "star unit." His Army ASTP unit at CCNY was designated as "ASTU 3225." The duration of the ASTP at CCNY was listed as from "8/9/43 to 7/29/44."

Concerning the above, it is noted that on June 3, 1955, SE [] reviewed the subject's Army service record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, World War II Unit, St. Louis, Missouri, which disclosed the following:

GEORGE KOVAL, Army Serial Number 32790994, entered on active duty with the United States Army on February 11, 1943, at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He was honorably discharged as a "Technician third grade" at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, on February 12, 1946. He attended CCNY, New York City, under the ASTP during the period 1943-1944.

[] Bronx, New York, who when originally contacted by SAS [] and [] on May 25, 1955, advised he was "closely acquainted with the subject during the period 1943-1944 and 1946-1948," was recontacted on July 13, 1956, by SA [] and advised as follows:

He is unable to recall the names of the various Army staff officers who directed the ASTP at CCNY. Upon locating his "Certificate of ASTP Training" he advised that the certificate listed [] as "Issuing Officer." [] vaguely recalled [] as the ASTP "commander in the New York area."

[] also advised that as a result of a recent search of his personal effects he located a post card received from the subject during the fall of 1948. The post card which was postmarked October 21, 1948, Paris, France, disclosed that the subject was residing at the Hotel Litre, Paris, France, at the time he wrote the post card.

[] stated that with the exception of the above he was unable to furnish additional information regarding the subject.

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Interview with [redacted]

[redacted] Queens,
Long Island, New York, was interviewed on June 18, 1956,
by SAS [redacted] and advised as follows:

He was employed as a "counterman" with the Raven Electric Company (REC) at 20 West 23rd Street, New York City, from approximately 1948 to November, 1950. He obtained his employment with the REC as a result of his

[redacted] to his recollection, dates back to the early 1930's. He stated that his uncle,

[redacted] also were
formerly employed with the REC during the early and mid 1940's. [redacted] stated that to the best of his recollection [redacted] had been acquainted with various [redacted] for approximately 30 years, but noted that the acquaintanceship was not a "close one."

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A passport photograph of the subject taken during 1948 was displayed to [redacted] who identified the photograph as GEORGE KOVAL, formerly employed with the REC during the early 1940's. [redacted] stated that although his employment at the REC did not commence until 1948 he was in contact with [redacted] at the premises of the REC during 1940 and 1941, at which time he recalls that the subject held a position of key importance with the company.

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KOVAL's principal duty with the REC was to enter bids on various electrical installation jobs and is recalled by [redacted] as an extremely intelligent individual and "hard worker."

[redacted], although obviously very friendly with the subject, never discussed the subject's background and did not mention the circumstances relating to when and how the subject obtained his employment with the REC.

[redacted] emphatically stated he could recall nothing

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concerning the relationship between KOVAL and [] which suggested their involvement in subversive activity.

[] has stated that he has not seen or heard of KOVAL since 1941 or 1942 and cannot recall [] having discussed KOVAL during the period of [] employment with the REC from 1948 to 1950.

[] stated that just prior to [] foreign travel from the United States during early 1951, none of the members of the [] was on speaking terms with [] or his wife, which condition [] attributed to [] whom he described as a "bitter and antagonistic woman." [] departure, although unexpected, was described by [] as "logical" in that [] and [] had indicated he was interested in some engineering opportunity in Europe.

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[] stated that he is unable to furnish information relating to the present whereabouts of [] or the subject but noted that it is generally rumored that [] established residence in Poland after departing the United States.

[] a confidential source abroad, advised the following information during July, 1952, attributed to [] whom [] has described as having supplied accurate information in the past, but who has apparently withheld information on various occasions.

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[] another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, furnished the following information on November 6, 1953, attributed to [] who has furnished reliable and unreliable information in the past: (S) U

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[REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] NY Attorney handling the general assignment of the REC, in favor of creditors, made available on February 14, 1952, various books and records relating to the operation of that company to SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

The records disclosed that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] New York City, was employed with the REC from November 1, 1948, to November 3, 1950.

[REDACTED] Street Forest Hills New York advised SAS [REDACTED] on July 19, 1950, that [REDACTED] an employee of the REC, resided at [REDACTED] New York City. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and a cousin, [REDACTED] frequently praised the principles of Communism and in [REDACTED] opinion had attempted to influence his thinking in that direction during conversations he had with them.

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Recontact with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Village, Long Island, New York, was recontacted by SA [REDACTED] on June 28, 1956, and advised as follows:

Since the occasion of his last interview during December, 1955, with Special Agents of the FBI he has had an occasion to discuss with his father, [REDACTED] the nature of the latter's knowledge pertaining to the relationship that existed between [REDACTED] and the subject. His father stated that although he was in occasional contact with [REDACTED] since around the 1930's, he

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and [] were not on "close friendly" terms. [] recalled that [] would discuss KOVAL on infrequent occasions but did not mention when or where he originally met KOVAL or when KOVAL started working for the REC.

It is noted that when interviewed by SAS [] and [] on December 21, 1955, [] stated that his father, [] might possibly have information concerning the nature of the relationship between KOVAL and []

[] was interviewed on January 31, 1956, by SAS [] at which time he denied having knowledge concerning the nature of the relationship between [] and the subject.

Interview with []

[] Long Island, New York, was interviewed on June 1, 1956, by SAS [] and advised as follows:

She identified a photograph of the subject as "a former acquaintance named GEORGE KOVAL with whom she was casually acquainted during the summer of either 1947 or 1948." A photograph identified by [] on April 26, 1956, as that of the subject and [] was also displayed to [] who acknowledged that the photograph was taken "while she was in the company of the subject during a summer date in 1947 or 1948."

[] advised that she met the subject at a party held in the apartment of [] whom she recalled as a "former close acquaintance of the subject." Subsequent to meeting the subject, she had approximately two or three dates with him, after which she had no additional contact with the subject.

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furnish any information concerning the subject's background, activities or his whereabouts. The only information she could recall regarding the subject was that he was a student at CCNY who associated with [redacted] a fellow student during 1948.

[redacted] stated that she has neither heard of nor been in contact with the subject since the summer of either 1947 or 1948.

Investigation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

[redacted] Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised SA [redacted], on April 30, 1956, that the records of MIT contain no information relating to the professor who recommended [redacted] for the ^{MAS} _{N.Y.} "cooperative training program" at MIT during 1947 or 1948.

Concerning the above, it is noted that when recontacted on February 9, 1956, by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] Bronx, New York, furnished information relating to the identity of a professor of MIT whom [redacted] described as "extremely friendly with [redacted] during the late 1940's." [redacted] information disclosed that while [redacted] was a student at MIT during the late 1940's he participated in an "on the job training program" known at MIT as the "cooperative training program."

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[redacted] believed that a review of [redacted] scholastic file at MIT would disclose the name of the professor who, during 1947 or 1948 was responsible for the latter's enrollment in the above-mentioned training program, which professor according to [redacted] is identical with the MIT faculty member previously described as "extremely friendly with [redacted]"

Regarding S. GERTZ and [redacted]
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On March 14, 1955, [redacted]
Clerk, Office of the Clerk of the District Court, Woodbury
County, Sioux City, Iowa, advised SA [redacted]
that the subject's aunt, PEARL KOVAL, on January 7,
1922, married ~~SAM GERTZ~~, age 30 (1922), in Sioux City,
Iowa.

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On April 2, 1925, ~~PEARL GERTZ~~, nee ~~KOVAL~~,
was awarded a divorce from SAM GERTZ, as recorded in
"Book 104, page 167 in Equity Case 50835", Sioux City,
Iowa. According to the petition for the divorce, PEARL
and SAM GERTZ had one child, GRACE GERTZ, two years of
age (1925), custody being given to Mrs. PEARL GERTZ.

Information furnished by the Office of Naval
Intelligence, during 1951, reflected a Mr. and Mrs. S.
~~GERTZ~~ and their married daughter, [redacted] resided
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois. S.
GERTZ was described as a Sales Executive for the National
Distillers Corporation.

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[redacted] National
Distillers Products Corporation, Beverage Sales Division,
300 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised
SA [redacted] on May 8, 1956, that the
records of the Beverage Sales Division failed to reflect
an employment of anyone with the last name of GERTZ.

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[redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted]
[redacted] of U.S. Industrial Chemical
Company, Chemical Division, 4100 South Cicero Avenue, a
division of National Distillers Products Corporation, who
advised that his records did not reflect the employment
of an individual with the last name GERTZ.

According to [redacted] the personnel records
at the National Distillers Products Corporation, 99 Park
Avenue, New York City, would reflect the employment of an
individual who was employed on a salary basis or in an
executive capacity for the National Distillers Products
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On May 21, 1956, Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California. was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED]

Mrs. GURSHTEL identified herself as the aunt of GEORGE KOVAL, describing the latter as having departed Sioux City, Iowa, with his family for Russia during the spring of 1932.

Mrs. GURSHTEL furnished the following information concerning the subject's cousin [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is the daughter of SAM and PEARL GERTZ, nee SILVER. [REDACTED] previously married and divorced. is now married to [REDACTED] and resides at [REDACTED] Van Nuys, California. [REDACTED]

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Information furnished by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Standard Lighting Fixture Company,
Brooklyn, New York

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York, was contacted by SA [REDACTED] on July 12, 1956, and advised as follows:

He recalls an electric supply company known as the REC as having been in business in New York City during the 1940's. He recalls that he met the owner of that company at several meetings of the "Eastern Electrical Wholesalers Association, New York City" the last occasion of which was around 1949 or 1950. He was unable to recall the owner's name and stated he could not recall having met any of the employees of the REC.

A photograph of [REDACTED] believed to have been taken during 1947 was displayed to [REDACTED] who identified the photograph as that of [REDACTED] previously [REDACTED] was unable to identify a photograph of the subject and stated that the name GEORGE KOVAL was unfamiliar to him. [REDACTED] stated that he was [REDACTED] Standard Lighting Fixture Company (SLF), Brooklyn, New York, during the period 1922 to 1950. He

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could not recall any business dealings between the SLF and [] and was unable to furnish any information pertaining to the nature of the business operations of the [] suggested that inquiry concerning the subject be made at the aforementioned Eastern Electrical Wholesalers Association, New York City, which association maintains detailed business records concerning its past and active members. [] believed that [] was a member of that association.

The current telephone directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as checked on June 20, 1956, by SA [] disclosed a telephone listing of AL 5-8430 for the Eastern Electrical Wholesalers Association, Incorporated, 31 Union Square, New York City.

Concerning the above, it is noted that [] and [] CCNY, advised SAS [] and [] on November 29, 1955, that he recalled the subject had a "contact for the purchase of electrical appliances and equipment at an electrical retail store located at the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York."

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On February 24, 1956, [] SLF, corner of Flatbush Avenue and Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA [] that the SLF formerly did business with the now defunct REC operated during the 1940's by [] identified [] Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, as the owner of the SLF during the 1940's.

Miscellaneous

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 27, 1955, that correspondence was received by HARRY or GOLDIE AGURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, on December 13, 1955, from an "unknown person, 80 East 11th Street, New York City."

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On July 2, 1956, SA [] ascertained that a six

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story office building is located at the site of 80 East 11th Street, New York City. The Directory of the office building disclosed that the premises are occupied by twenty-eight business firms.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
[redacted] [redacted] Van Nuys, California	30 day mail cover on [redacted] and [redacted]	12/27/55	SAC in Charge FBI, LA by letter dated 12/27/55	65-16756-109

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where it is necessary to conceal the identity of the informants.

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LEADS

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At Van Nuys, California

Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted]
[redacted] the subject's cousin, whose residence has been reported as at [redacted] Van Nuys, California.
[redacted] in addition to being questioned concerning her knowledge of the subject, should also be questioned regarding the present whereabouts of SAMUEL GERTZ, the subject's uncle. If that information is developed and in absence of derogatory information will interview SAM GERTZ concerning his knowledge of the subject's past activities.

St. Louis

One copy of this report is being designated for St. Louis inasmuch as that office is presently conducting investigation concerning the subject.

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Washington Field

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will recontact [redacted] St., Bronx, NY, regarding any additional information known to him concerning the identity of the professor at MIT with whom [redacted] was "extremely friendly."

2. Will make inquiry at the Eastern Electrical Wholesalers Association, 31 Union Square, NYC, regarding any record that association may have for [redacted] or GEORGE KOVAL.

3. Will make an additional attempt to verify the subject's reported residence at 311 West 72nd St., NYC, during the period 1936-1939, it being noted the subject listed the above address information in a questionnaire executed for the MED during 1944.

4. Will consider the advisability of conducting appropriate manifest reviews at INS, NYC, regarding the subject and his family who reportedly departed the US at NYC for Russia during the spring of 1932.

5. Will also consider the advisability of conducting manifest reviews at INS, NYC, in an attempt to ascertain the subject's date of return to the US from Russia, which according to previous investigation, may have been sometime during the period 1939-1941.

6. Will at Columbia University review student records in an attempt to locate background information concerning [redacted] who reportedly matriculated at Columbia University (period unknown).

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7. *Will identify [] who was a recipient of a telegram from [] on 9/10/55.

8. *Will continue indices review of FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC to develop information which might assist this investigation.

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REPORTING OFFICE BOSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE AUG 6 1956	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/6,9,25/56
TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KOVAL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY gm
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS:

Records, Mass. Institute of Technology, reflect [REDACTED] attended a Summer Session during 1955. [REDACTED] Laboratory for Electronics, advised he attended ASTP at CCNY with subject during 1943 and 1944 and was assigned to MED at Oak Ridge with the subject during 1944 and 1945. [REDACTED] has not seen nor heard from the subject since 1945. [REDACTED] described subject as an able, reliable person whom he regarded as loyal to the United States. Subject unknown to [REDACTED]
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DETAILS:

On July 6, 1956 [REDACTED] Registrar's Office, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, furnished the following information from her records:

[REDACTED] attended a Special Summer Session program from June 20, 1955 to July 1, 1955. [REDACTED] advised that the course was classified as a Special Course for Professional Industrial People, and was not one for which academic credit was granted. She stated her records did not reflect any further information, and suggested the records of the Summer Session's Office be checked.

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On July 6, 1954 [] Summer Session's Office, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, furnished the following information from her records:

[] whose business address was reflected as Laboratory for Electronics, 75 Pitts Street, Boston, Massachusetts, a Mathematician, attended a Summer Course entitled, "Numerical Analysis" from June 20, 1955 until July 1, 1955. The record did not reflect any additional information.

On July 9, 1954 [] advised he is employed as a Mathematician by the Laboratory for Electronics, 75 Pitts Street, Boston, Massachusetts. [] furnished the following information regarding the subject:

He first met the subject in approximately August of 1943 at Charleston, South Carolina. At that time, both he and the subject were serving in the U. S. Army, and were assigned to an Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). Shortly after August, 1943 both he and the subject attended classes in the ASTP at the College of the City of New York (CCNY). The course was in Electrical Engineering, and was for approximately one year. They concluded their course in approximately August, 1944 and were both transferred to the Manhattan Engineers District (MED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. [] was assigned at Oak Ridge from approximately August, 1944 until March, 1946, and the subject was assigned there from approximately August, 1944 until approximately August, 1945 when he was transferred. [] was unable to state specifically where the subject was transferred to but was of the opinion the subject was transferred to an Atomic Energy Commission installation in Ohio. [] stated he has not seen nor heard from the subject since the subject was transferred from Oak Ridge. He added he was unable to recall that the subject had attended the College of the City of New York as a student after he was discharged from the Army.

[] stated he and the subject were roommates during the period they were both assigned to Oak Ridge, and [] recalled the subject having stated he had previously been employed by the Raven Electric Company of New York City. [] was unable to recall the exact nature of the subject's duties at the Raven Electric Company, but was of the opinion the subject's duties related to purchasing or exercising control over the inventories of material maintained by the company.

[] stated that while he and the subject were assigned at Oak Ridge, the subject was a health physicist, and in this capacity checked the radiation hazard in the Laboratories. [] stated that his own duties at Oak Ridge during the first year consisted of repairing electrical instruments. He was a junior physicist for the remainder of the period he was assigned to Oak Ridge. [] explained that due to the variance in their respective duties he and the subject were not fellow employees, but were both employed in the Clinton Laboratory Building.

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Based on this degree of association [] described the subject as an honest, able, intelligent, competent individual whom he regarded as being loyal to the United States. [] added the only associates of the subject he knew were the other individuals employed at Oak Ridge during this period whom he regarded as being loyal to the United States.

[] recalled the following individuals who were assigned to Oak Ridge during the period the subject was assigned there and who were friendly with the subject:

[]
ARNOLD KRAMISH
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STERNEBERG was of the opinion that ARNOLD KRAMISH is presently employed by the Rand Corporation in California.

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On July 25, 1956 [] Sylvania Electric Products, 100 Sylvania Road, Woburn, Mass., advised that [] was employed as a Senior Engineer in the Development Department. [] said [] personnel file did not reflect any information which would indicate a relationship with the Subject.

On July 25, 1956 [] advised that he does not have any relatives or associates named GEORGE KOVAL and was unable to furnish any pertinent information.

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Indices of the Boston Office do not reflect any references for [redacted]

Leads to interview [redacted] ARNOLD KRAMISH, [redacted] and [redacted] mentioned by [redacted] as former associates of the subject, have not been set forth for the following reasons:

[redacted] has been interviewed, the results of which have been set forth in the reports of SA [redacted], dated March 22, 1956 and May 25, 1956, at New York, in instant case.

The report of SA [redacted], dated November 1, 1955, at New York, in instant case, sets forth a lead for the Washington Field Office to attempt to locate ARNOLD KRAMISH at 3633 Everett Street, NW Washington, D.C., and to interview him regarding the subject. The Boston File does not reflect the results of the investigation conducted by the Washington Field Office, and it is being left to the discretion of the New York Office to set forth an appropriate lead if similar information pertaining to the whereabouts of KRAMISH was not developed by the Washington Field Office.

The report of SA [redacted], dated May 25, 1956, at New York, in instant case, sets forth a lead for the Chicago Office to interview [redacted]

The report of SA [redacted], dated June 29, 1955, at New York, in instant case, sets forth the results of an interview with [redacted]

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted], dated May 25, 1956, at New York.
Report of SA [redacted], dated July 11, 1956 at Kansas City.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] fellow student with KOVAL in the ASTP at CCNY in 1943, interviewed. [redacted] unable to furnish any background information concerning KOVAL and has no knowledge of subject since he left CCNY in 1944.

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DETAILS:

On July 30, 1956, [redacted] Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed.

It is noted that [redacted] was a classmate of KOVAL in the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) during 1943-1944.

At the time of the interview, [redacted] furnished the following information:

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He first met KOVAL in the ASTP at CCNY in approximately September, 1943, and was closely associated with him until approximately September of 1944, when [] had to leave this ASTP class due to an accident in which he lost the sight in one eye.

When [] returned to CCNY, the class that he was formerly a member with KOVAL, had graduated and had gone to Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

[] has not heard from KOVAL since that time although he has heard indirectly that KOVAL had returned to CCNY in an unknown capacity.

[] was of the opinion that KOVAL was an orphan and was from New York City. He was unable to recall whether KOVAL had relatives in New York City, however, he stated that he was sure KOVAL had no close relatives in New York as he did not recall KOVAL visiting anyone while on leave.

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During one of the leaves between school terms, [] invited KOVAL to visit with him at his home in Chicago, as KOVAL had no one to visit during this leave.

[] recalled KOVAL had stated he had been employed prior to coming to CCNY with an electrical firm, but was unable to recall the name or the owner. The names Raven Electric Company or [] was unknown to [] was unable to furnish any information which would reflect unfavorably upon KOVAL and stated he was a likeable conscientious person who was interested in good grades. He had no doubt as to KOVAL's character or loyalty to the United States.

[] knew of nothing concerning KOVAL after he left CCNY and stated the only other persons he could recall who might be able to furnish information concerning KOVAL, was []

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated May 25, 1956, at
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Synopsis:

On 8/7/56, Baltimore, Maryland, advised he ~~know~~ **know** GEORGE KOVAL during period of attendance at City College of New York, New York City, 1946 to 1948. He stated he knows nothing about KOVAL's background or activities prior to 1946 and that activities of KOVAL during period 1946 to 1948 were those of average engineering student. FUCHS advised he has neither seen nor heard from KOVAL since January, 1948.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

On August 7, 1956, employed Westinghouse Air Arm Division, Friendship Airport, Maryland, advised that he attended City College of New York (CCNY), New York City from 1941 to 1943 and from September, 1946 to January, 1948 graduating with a degree in electrical engineering.

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[] identified a photograph exhibited to him as that of GEORGE KOVAL, a fellow engineering student, known to him only during the period of his attendance at CCNY from 1946 to 1948.

[] stated that in a sense, he considered KOVAL a good friend, but on the other hand, he did not know him very well. He said KOVAL was a very quiet person, a good student, and upon reflection, KOVAL was a rather mysterious person. [] explained that by mysterious, he meant nobody knew very much about KOVAL or his background and at the time he knew KOVAL, he did not think too seriously about this but attributed it to the fact that KOVAL was more mature and older than the average student in the engineering group.

[] advised that he knows absolutely nothing about KOVAL's activities or background prior to 1946 and he never discussed this with KOVAL or any other person. He further advised that during the period he knew KOVAL, 1946 to 1948, he had no reason to question or be concerned about his activities since they were activities of the average engineering student. [] stated his relationship to KOVAL was that of any fellow student, that of attending classes, studying, and occasional social functions with KOVAL. He advised he knows of no other activities on the part of KOVAL during this period. He also stated that he has neither seen nor heard from KOVAL since leaving CCNY in January, 1948.

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[] stated that during the period of 1946 to 1948 at CCNY, KOVAL was very conservative in his political views. He recalled on one occasion where the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) had gained control of the Student Council, KOVAL led a group of engineers in opposition against the tactics and policies of the AYD in the Student Council.

The American Youth for Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[] stated that in theoretically dividing students into a political classification of either liberals or conservatives, he would classify KOVAL as a conservative during that period.

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[] advised that KOVAL was popular with other students and was elected Chapter President of Eta Kappa Nu Fraternity at CCNY sometime during 1947. However, [] stated that KOVAL seems to have dropped out of sight since 1948 and in talking to former classmates and professors, nobody seems to have heard from or about KOVAL.

[] advised that the only information he knows concerning KOVAL is that several years ago, [] a former engineering classmate CCNY, 1946 to 1948, currently employed by Bell Telephone Laboratories, Whippany, New Jersey, told him that he [] inquired at the American Embassy in Paris, approximately 1950 about KOVAL. [] related that [] felt he was given a "brush off" at the Embassy and did not get any information about KOVAL. [] advised he did not know what information [] had about KOVAL to cause him to make inquiry at the American Embassy in Paris, except he probably heard that KOVAL was working some place in Europe.

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[] stated that his sister, [] Avenue, Bronx, New York, had at least one date with KOVAL sometime during the period 1946 to 1948 but he felt it was doubtful that she knew anything about KOVAL.

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This report in itself does not contain information warranting its being classified ~~secret~~. It is therefore classified confidential.

A lead to interview [] employed Bell Telephone Laboratories, Whippany, New Jersey is not being set out but is being left to the discretion of the New York Office, inasmuch as this office is not aware of the extent or number of interviews conducted among former CCNY engineering students of the 1946 to 1948 period.

LEAD: NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will locate and interview []
Bronx, New York for any information she may possess concerning KOVAL's background, activities, from 1932 to 1941 and during period 1946 to 1948.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [] of Los Angeles dated July 2, 1956.

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SYNOPSIS:

English translation of letter from ABRAHAM KOVAL written in Russian dated 5/20/56 to GOLDA GURSHTEL set forth. GURSHTEL advises during visit to Russia in 1936 she and husband visited KOVAL at Moscow where he was then student at Mendeleev Chemical Institute and met "LYUDMILA", then fiancée of KOVAL. GURSHTELs remained in Moscow about 10 days. Later, saw GEORGE KOVAL at collective farm of his father where he stated he would remain for school vacation. Photograph entire KOVAL family, taken just prior departure 1932, obtained. [redacted] interviewed. Advises no knowledge of GEORGE KOVAL's presence in U.S. between 1940-1948. States her father, SAM GERTZ, and mother, PEARL SILVER, separated and divorced about 1924 and none of family have seen nor heard of SAM GERTZ since.

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DETAILS:

GOLDA GURSHTEL, subject's aunt, was previously interviewed by SAs [redacted] on June 19, 1956. She furnished a letter postmarked May 22, 1956, in Russia, from her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL, subject's father. She stated this letter contains news of the KOVAL family in Russia. 10 WA AGE ABOUT 75 IN 1956

The following is a translation of the above-described letter:

"Dear sister GOLDA:

"Your short letters were received. The one to me, on the first of May, the other one to SHAYA, today. RUSSIA

"I have decided to answer your letters briefly and am writing in Russian, this is more convenient for me.

"Twenty years have passed since we have seen each other and during this time several changes have taken place in our family.

"Our dear GEYBI (GABRIEL?) died August 30, 1943, in a battle against the German fascists. ETL (ETHEL?) died August 28, 1952, from the dread disease, cancer. All the rest of us are alive and well. I am now about 75 and feel good, I am working. I live, as always, with SHAYA's family. We live and work at the same place, the collective farm. RUSSIA IN 1956 RUSSIA

"SHAYA and MUSYA have four children. The first one, ~~YITTA~~, is 20 years old (she was born soon after your departure). She is finishing the Doctor's Assistant-Midwife School, she is married (we celebrated her wedding May first). The second one, ~~SOFIYA~~, is 15 years old. IN 1956 RUSSIA She is attending school, she will finish the 8th Class. The third one, ~~GALINA~~, is attending school, she will finish the 6th Class, she is 12 years old. The fourth one, ~~YANNADI~~, a son, IN 1956

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"is 7 years old. He is attending school and will finish the 1st Class. They are all good children.

"GEORGE lives in Moscow, he still works for the Mendeleev Chemical Institute. His title is: 'Candidate of Technical Sciences.' He is living with his wife LYUDMILA (you saw them once in Moscow) but they have no children.

"Well, that is all for now.

"Much, much love from all of us to all of you,

~~"your A. KOVAL"~~ ~~MRS. HARRY GURSHTEL~~ ~~GOLDA GURSHTEL~~ 15203
The letter was addressed to "GOLDA GURSHTEL 15203 Hartsook, Sherman Oaks, California, U.S.A."; return address "A. I. KOVAL, 2nd Volchaevska Station, Khabarovsk Territory, '18th Party Congress' Collective Farm."

It is noted that HARRY and GOLDA GURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, were previously interviewed by SAs [redacted] on May 24, 1956. They advised at this time that in 1936 they travelled to Europe during which time they visited HARRY GURSHTEL's parents then in Poland and later visited ABRAHAM KOVAL and his family in the Far Eastern Region of Biro-Bidjan and spent about one week with the KOVAL family. They advised that GEORGE and ISIAH KOVAL, the two oldest sons of ABRAHAM, were assisting their father on a collective farm. Neither of the GURSHTELS, during interview on May 24, 1956, mentioned travel to Moscow or having seen GEORGE KOVAL in Moscow.

On August 22, 1956, Mrs. GOLDA GURSHTEL and HARRY GURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, were reinterviewed by SAs [redacted] Mrs. GURSHTEL was questioned concerning a phrase in the letter, translation of which is set forth above, pertaining to the last paragraph in which the letter indicates that GEORGE KOVAL and LYUDMILA were seen by the GURSHTELS in Moscow.

Mrs. GURSHTEL advised she does not recall having omitted this phrase when reading this letter to Special Agents on May 24, 1956, but explained as follows:

During the GURSHTELs trip to Russia in 1936 she and her husband first visited his relatives in Poland. They then travelled to Moscow where they remained about ten days. During this ten-day stay in Moscow, they saw GEORGE KOVAL many times. GEORGE KOVAL at this time was a student at the Mendeleev Institute in Moscow. On one such meeting, KOVAL introduced to the GURSHTELs his girl friend LYUDMILA and stated that she was also known as "MILLIE." The GURSHTELs state that they only saw LYUDMILA once and recall nothing of her background except she was also a student at the Mendeleev Institute. The GURSHTELs described LYUDMILA as follows:

Name	LYUDMILA ^{KOVAL} (INU), aka MILLIE KOVAL	
Race	White	
Sex	Female	
Age	In 1936 about 22 to 25	<u>RUSSIA</u>
Height	About 5'4"	<u>IOWA</u>
Weight	Unknown	
Build	Slender	
Hair	Light brown	
Complexion	Medium olive	
Eyes	Unknown	

During this visit with KOVAL, the GURSHTELs advised that he stated after he came to Russia in 1932 he had great difficulty mastering the Russian language; therefore, for two years had remained on the collective farm with his father in order to study the Russian language. He stated in about 1934 he entered the Mendeleev Chemical Institute and was in 1936 working toward a degree. The GURSHTELs advised they departed Moscow and then travelled to visit her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL, on the collective farm in the Far Eastern Region of Biro-Bidjan. A few days after their arrival, GEORGE KOVAL appeared and announced that he was on vacation from school for two months during which he intended to spend with his father working on the collective farm.

Mrs. GURSHTEL furnished a photograph of the entire KOVAL family, which according to her was taken in Sioux City, Iowa, only a short time prior to the KOVALs' departure to Russia in 1932. She identified those in the photograph as ABRAHAM KOVAL, ETHEL KOVAL, subject's parents, GEORGE KOVAL in center wearing glasses, ISIAH KOVAL to left of subject, and GABRIEL KOVAL, right rear.

PEARL GERTZ

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MRS. PAUL SILVER

MRS. SAM GERTZ HARRY GURSHTel advised on August 22, 1956, that SAM GERTZ was the first husband of his wife's sister, now known as PEARL SILVER. SAM and PEARL were divorced in Sioux City, Iowa, shortly after the birth of GRACE GERTZ in about 1924. GERTZ completely disappeared thereafter and none of the relatives have ever seen or heard of him since. GURSHTel advised that GERTZ was a baker by occupation and was in the early 1920's employed at the Sioux City Bakery. HARRY GURSHTel characterized GERTZ as a "drifter" who refused to settle down in Sioux City. He GERTZ was born in Russia and had previously lived in New York City, Chicago, ILL Philadelphia, St. Paul and Minneapolis.

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On August 22, 1956, [redacted] was located at her residence, [redacted] Van Nuys, California, and interviewed by SAS [redacted]. She advised that her maiden name was [redacted] that she is the daughter of PEARL SILVER and SAM GERTZ and is a cousin of GEORGE KOVAL. She said she was living in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1932 when the KOVAL family departed for Russia; however, states that her recollection of the entire affair is vague since she was only eight years old in 1932. She advised that most of her knowledge concerning the KOVAL family was learned from [redacted] conversations between her mother and other relatives. [redacted] advised she has neither heard from nor been in contact with any member of the KOVAL family since their departure in 1932, nor does she know of any relatives who have stated they have been in contact with any of the KOVALs with the exception of GOLDA and HARRY GURSHTel, who visited the KOVAL family in Russia during 1936.

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[redacted] advised that she and her mother moved from Sioux City, Iowa, in 1948 to Los Angeles where she has resided since. She states that SAM GERTZ, her father, and her mother were separated and later divorced about 1923 or 1924 shortly after her birth. She said that she nor any member of her family have never seen or heard from her father since the divorce in the early 1920's. [redacted] states she knows nothing of her father's background but suspects he was born in Russia. She stated she did not know whether or not he had ever applied for or become a naturalized U.S. citizen.

[redacted] states she recalls no one connected with the KOVAL family or her mother's husband, PAUL SILVER,

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who was named [redacted] who had lived in New York City during 1940's.

[redacted]
Culver City, California, was reinterviewed by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1956. He had previously advised that he recalled having a snapshot of KOVAL taken with a young woman during 1947 somewhere among his possessions. He advised that a thorough search of his personal effects failed to reveal the snapshot of KOVAL which he had previously mentioned.

ENCLOSURES:

TO NEW YORK:

One (1) photograph of the KOVAL family.

One (1) photograph of GEORGE KOVAL.

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Re NY let to Bureau 7/19/56 requests Los Angeles to interview [redacted] regarding possible identification of alleged associate of KOVAL described as a Zoology Professor at Columbia University. Relet reflects WFO will submit photographs of [redacted] for displaying to [redacted] to identify as person she met at New Year's Eve party during 1950. In view of [redacted] residence at La Verne, California, some distance from Los Angeles, both of these leads will be covered simultaneously upon receipt of [redacted] photograph from WFO.

Re WFO let to Bureau 7/11/56 reflects information regarding [redacted] issued 12/23/52. Paragraph six of this letter reflects [redacted] passport application indicated no previous foreign travel or passport. Report of SA [redacted] 7/2/56, Los Angeles, page 6, reflects that [redacted] a firm engaged in collecting and preparing financial reports concerning business enterprises, furnished information that [redacted] received a doctor's degree from the University of Basel in Switzerland (no dates shown). It is also noted that during interview of [redacted] by SA [redacted] on 5/8/56 he admitted he attended the University of Basel in Switzerland in 1939. This information is set out to point out the discrepancy in [redacted] statement on passport application issued 12/23/52 in his denial of previous foreign travel on passport.

Report of SA [redacted] 7/2/56 sets forth a lead for Los Angeles to interview [redacted] Avenue, Playa Del Rey, California. [redacted] of [redacted]

[redacted] as guests at her New Year's Eve party December 1950. An attempt was made to conduct this interview on 7/11/56 and 8/16/56. On 7/11/56 she was unavailable and on 8/16/56 neighbors advised the [redacted] were on vacation. This interview will be conducted as soon as the [redacted] return.

The letter reflected in the details of this report from ABRAHAM KOVAL to GOLDA GURSHTEL written in the Russian

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language dated 5/20/56 was translated by [REDACTED]
7/9/56 as reflected in Bulet to Los Angeles 7/11/56.

On 8/22/56 the original of the letter written in the Russian language from ABRAHAM KOVAL to GOLDA GURSHTEL as reflected in the details of this report was returned to Mrs. GURSHTEL.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFO):

One copy of this report is being designated for WFO inasmuch as that office is presently conducting investigation regarding this matter.

LOS ANGELES:

AT LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA

Will, upon receipt of photograph of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from WFO, reinterview [REDACTED] to identify [REDACTED]
as person she met at New Year's Eve party 1950 and will
interview [REDACTED] re identity of unknown Zoology Professor
at Columbia University, alleged associate of KOVAL.

AT PLAYA DEL REY, CALIFORNIA

Will, upon return of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] interview her regarding her knowledge of
[REDACTED]
as guests at her New Year's Eve party in December 1950.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will consider reinterview of [REDACTED]
Signet Laboratories, 614 North La Peer, concerning discrepancy
of information contained in passport December 1952 reflecting
no previous foreign travel and his statement that he attended
Basel University, Switzerland, in 1939, and further interview
of [REDACTED] concerning statement allegedly made by him concerning
KOVAL's presence in France in 1950 as alleged by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [] dated 7/2/56 at Los Angeles.

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New York let to Bureau dated 7/19/56.

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Report of SA [] dated 8/2/56 at New York.

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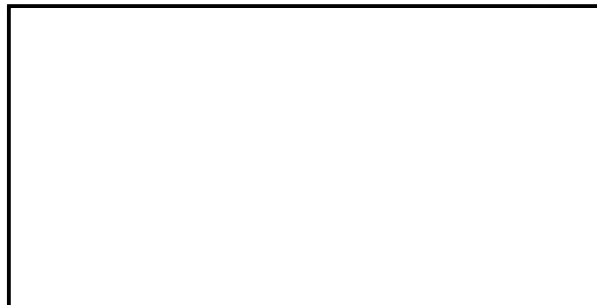
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Re New York letter to Director dated 8-2-56.

Reference [redacted] Service Unit, Miscellaneous Records Section, Department of Defense Military Personnel Records Center, advised SE [redacted] on August 29, 1956 that any records at this center concerning KOVAL's ASTP training, with the exception of Organizational Rosters and Morning Reports, would be contained in his service record. A check of KOVAL's service record disclosed only that he was assigned to the 3410th "Star," The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, from July 20, 1943 to August 10, 1943 and to Hqs. 3225 SU, ASTU, College of the City of New York from August 11, 1943 to August 9, 1944 when he was transferred to the 1st Provisional SED Unit, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. No details concerning these assignments were contained in the records.

[redacted] further advised that a check of the Organizational Rosters for the 3225th SU, ASTU, College of the City of New York, revealed that the following officers were members of the staff in 1943-44:

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[redacted] also stated that the rosters reflect that the below named officers were members of the 1218th SU, ASTU at the College of the City of New York in 1943 and that they were not listed as members of the 3225th SU, ASTU:

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that he was unable to identify [redacted] through the organizational rosters.

A check of the service records of the below listed officers reflects their last known address as indicated:

[redacted]; last known address - [redacted] Forest Hills, New York as of October 1, 1947.

- [redacted] last known address - [redacted] Key Largo, Florida as of May 19, 1954.

[redacted] last known address - Lucedale, Mississippi, as of May 19, 1948.

[redacted] last known address - [redacted] Flushing, Long Island, New York, (March 11, 1955).

Personnel DDMPRC advised on August 29, 1956 that the service records for the following officers are not on file at this record center and should be on file at the Pentagon, Washington, D. C.:

[redacted]

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WFO will attempt to locate the service records of the above officers and from review thereof furnish New York with their last known addresses to facilitate interviews with them concerning the subject and the administration of the ASTP, cc NY to include the possible location of additional ASTP records. Personnel DDMPRC advised that a check of the Service Record Section for a [redacted] Lieutenant, disclosed that a service record for one [redacted] was forwarded to Personnel Information Branch, the Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C. on December 20, 1949.

WFO is requested to locate and review the service record for [redacted] and if it is determined he is possibly identical with person listed by subject in his MED questionnaire as a "reference" will furnish New York with pertinent information contained therein to include his last known address. It is noted that [redacted] was listed by subject as being a member of the 10001 Engineering Battalion, APD Number 26. RUC.

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SYNOPSIS:

No record of GEORGE KOVAL at National Society of Professional Engineers, Wash., D. C. Records concerning personnel matters or security pertaining to KOVAL's former assignment with Manhattan Engineering District, (MED) reported to be maintained by AEC at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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no answer*

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

National Society of Professional Engineers, 2029 K Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., advised SA on July 31, 1956, that records of his organization do not contain any reference to the subject under the name GEORGE KOVAL.

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On September 4, 1956, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Washington Area Security Operations, Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), 1901 Constitution Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., advised that central indices of AEC personnel disclosed no record for GEORGE KOVAL, located at Washington, D. C. He stated that the retired security file for KOVAL, pertaining to his previous assignment with the Manhattan Engineering District (MED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, or at Dayton, Ohio, would be maintained by AEC at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

In New York cover letter dated 8/2/56, accompanying the report of SA [] New York, dated 8/2/56, a lead was set out for WFO to review KOVAL's Manhattan Engineering District (MED) Security File and any other available MED records pertinent to subject's assignment with MED at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio. It is noted that in a New York letter to the Director, Baltimore, Knoxville, New Haven, St. Louis, and WFO, dated 5/27/55, a lead was set out for Knoxville to conduct extensive investigation pertaining to KOVAL's assignment with MED. It is also noted the Summary Report of SA [] JR., made at New York, October 28, 1954, sets out a resume of information obtained from a review of KOVAL's MED Security File in custody of the AEC at Oak Ridge.

As is set out in the report of SA [] Los Angeles, dated 8/20/56, information in the Administrative Section of that report points up a discrepancy with regard to [] and the matter of his passport record. It was previously reported that a review of the passport file of [] by WFO, as set out in WFO letter to Bureau, dated 7/11/56, disclosed the passport application executed by [] on 12/23/52, showed [] denied previous foreign travel; while, when interviewed by SA [] on 5/8/56, [] admitted he attended the University of Basel in Switzerland in 1939. WFO is re-checking the passport records of [] in an effort to clarify this matter. Photographs of [] were furnished to Los Angeles by WFO.

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES: (INFORMATION)

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KNOXVILLE:

AT KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Will review the file on KOVAL to assure that all investigation has been conducted with regard to subject's MED employment. If not, will conduct such investigation as was requested in New York letter dated 8/2/56, as restated in the Administrative Section of instant report.

WASHINGTON FIELD:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Will review military service records of the various officers whose names and Army Serial Numbers are set out in St. Louis letter to Director, New York, and WFO, dated 9/6/56. These officers reportedly were members of the 1943-1944 staff of ASTU at the College of the City of New York. WFO will ascertain their last known addresses in order to interview them about subject.

2. Will re-examine the passport file of [redacted] to facilitate a re-interview of [redacted] by Los Angeles.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] Kansas City, dated 7/11/56.

Report of SA [redacted] New York, dated 8/2/56.

New York letter to Director, Los Angeles, St. Louis, and WFO, dated 8/2/56.

Report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, dated 8/20/56.

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No record of GEORGE KOVAL at National Society of Professional Engineers, Wash., D. C. Records concerning personnel matters or security pertaining to KOVAL's former assignment with Manhattan Engineering District, (MED) reported to be maintained by AEC at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

National Society of Professional Engineers, 2029 K Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., advised SA on July 31, 1956, that records of his organization do not contain any reference to the subject under the name GEORGE KOVAL.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 9/26/56

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6901)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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OO: NY

ReLAlet to the Bureau, NY and WFO, dated 5/17/56;
reWFOlet to Bureau, NY and LA, dated 7/11/56; rerep of SA
[redacted] LA, dated 7/2/56; and reWFOrep SA [redacted]
[redacted] dated 9/17/56.

It will be recalled that when interviewed by
SAs of the LA Office on 5/8/56, [redacted]
denied having known GEORGE KOVAL; also stated he could not
recall having discussed GEORGE KOVAL with anyone at a New
Years Eve party in 1953; claimed to have taken a trip to
Europe with his wife in 1953; claimed to have attended the
University of Basel in Switzerland in 1939.

It was previously reported in WFO relet dated
7/11/56 that KOVAL's passport file reflected only one pass-
port had been issued to him, Passport No. 762642, dated 12/23/52.
The passport file for [redacted] was again reviewed 9/19/56 by
SA [redacted] and the only passport application located
was that previously described, executed by [redacted] on 12/16/52
at LA. It was noted specifically, this application bore
[redacted] sworn statement that he never had a prior passport; the
space left to describe any previous foreign residence was
left blank; and this application was not an application to
include his wife.

In the contemplated re-interview of [redacted] it is
suggested that LA inquire what passport facilities he used
when in Europe in 1939 attending the University of Basel,
as claimed; also what passport facilities his wife [redacted]
[redacted] used
in their claimed trip together to Europe in 1953; also [redacted]
may be persuaded to exhibit his or their passports in order

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that more complete details of his travels may be known as reflected in visas issued, borders crossed, etc.

It is to be noted that the files of the Passport Office were searched under the names of his wife and his parents with negative results. P.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: September 27, 1956

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6901)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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OO:NY

Re NY letter to Director, St. Louis, and WFO dated August 2, 1956; re St. Louis letter to Director, New York, and WFO dated September 6, 1956; rerep SA [redacted] WFO, dated September 17, 1956.

The St. Louis relet dated September 6, 1956, requested WFO to locate and review military service records for individuals who during 1943-44 were assigned, as officers, to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at City College of New York (CCNY), where GEORGE KOVAL also was assigned as a student during that same period.

The following information was obtained on September 18, 1956, from records of the Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army, Pentagon Building, by SE [redacted]:

[redacted] Examination of Army 201 file showed [redacted] assigned to SCSU at CCNY from December 10, 1943, to June 20, 1944. Latest available address, shown as of March 5, 1956, was Lt. Col. [redacted] Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, No. 5 Alexander Place, Baldwin, Long Island, New York.

[redacted] Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned to duty at CCNY from April 25, 1944, to September 1, 1944. Latest available address, shown as of September 7, 1955, was [redacted] Major, Infantry, U. S. Army Retired, [redacted] Main Road, Silver Creek, New York.

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[redacted] Examination of Army 201 file showed [redacted] assigned duty at CCNY from January 4, 1943, to August 31, 1944. As of May 3, 1954, latest address available was [redacted] Infantry, Retired, [redacted] New York City.

[redacted] Examination of Army 201 file showed [redacted] assigned to SCSU, CCNY, from November 1, 1943, to April 22, 1944; also from August 22, 1944, to September 11, 1944. Latest available address, as of November 18, 1953, was [redacted] MPC, U.S. Army Reserve, [redacted], New York City.

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[redacted] Examination of Army 201 file showed [redacted] assigned to SCSU, CCNY, from November 20, 1943, to February 13, 1944. Latest available address as of January 28, 1954, was [redacted] Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, [redacted] Forrest Hills, New York.

[redacted] Examination of Army 201 file showed [redacted] assigned to SCSU, CCNY, from November 1, 1943, to November 13, 1944. Latest available address shown was [redacted] Infantry, U.S. Army Hon. Reserve, [redacted] Paterson, New Jersey.

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[redacted] Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned December 28, 1943, to April 26, 1944, at SCSU, CCNY. Latest available address as of June 28, 1956, was [redacted] Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, [redacted] Elmhurst, Long Island, New York.

[redacted] Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned from July 1, 1942, to May 9, 1944, to ROTC and SCSU at CCNY. The latest available address shown was: [redacted] Lt. Col., Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, [redacted] Salinas, California.

[redacted] Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned from April 26, 1943, to June 22, 1944, to the SCSU at CCNY. His latest

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available address, as of February 12, 1954, was Lt. Col.

[redacted] M.P., U.S. Army, Retired, [redacted]
Avenue, Pennsauken, New Jersey.

[redacted] Examination
of Army 201 file disclosed [redacted] was born [redacted]
1912, in Austria-Hungary. During the period March 4, 1943, N.Y.
to June 30, 1944, he was assigned to Company A and Company
B, 101st Engineering Battalion. During the period of July 9,
1944, to December 31, 1944, he was assigned to the ASF
Regional Hospital, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The
latest available address, as of November 6, 1952, was shown
as: [redacted] Captain, C.E. Honorary Reserve, [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago 14, Illinois.

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It will be recalled that one of the persons named
as a personal reference by subject on his Manhattan En-
gineering District (MED) questionnaire was [redacted] listed
as a member of the 10001st Engineering Battalion, APD
Number 25. RUC.



**THE SERVICE
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American Embassy
Paris 8, France**

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Date: September 27, 1956
To: Director, FBI (65-62911)
From: Legat, Paris (65-335)
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
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Re Paris letter 7/16/56.

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Accordingly, Bureau authorization is requested for this office to conduct the necessary interview.

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A representative of a foreign intelligence service furnished the following information on September 21, 1956:

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[redacted] at
Cleveland, U.S.A., an American citizen, is married to [redacted]
born October 18, 1899, at Erie, U.S.A. They reside
at the Chateau de Felcourt, Loisy-sur-Marne, France.

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[redacted] who is an architectural engineer, works for the American companies "Frank Grad and Sons" and "Belly Stevenson Value and Knecht", both of which are represented in France by the Cabinet Dufau of Paris. These companies, working through the Cabinet Dufau and other French enterprises, are doing extensive work in the east of France for the American authorities under the direction of the Northeast District Joint Construction Agency.

The [redacted] entered France on March 10, 1955. Ever since their arrival, they have demonstrated generosity toward the orphans of the region, and because of this fact they are on excellent terms with the local authorities.

The Chateau de Felcourt is located outside the town of Loisy-sur-Marne. Parties are sometimes held there, but they are small parties in nature.

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Aside from his professional activities, it appears that [redacted] has very little contact with American military authorities, whom he seems desirous of keeping out of his private life.

On July 25, 1956, at the Hotel Select in Vitry-le-Francois, [redacted] met one [redacted] whom he introduced as being the cousin of the well known American politician, Mr. [redacted] *DXA*

[redacted] and his wife have not otherwise come to the attention of the French police or intelligence services, and their political leanings are not known.

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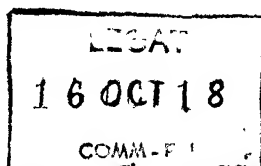
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Reurlet 9-27-56 which requested Bureau authorization to interview [redacted] who is now [redacted] Authorization granted.

cc - 1 - New York (Info) [redacted] incoming dated 9-27-56, with enclosure)



cc: Foreign Liaison Unit (Route thru for Review) [redacted]

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SYNOPSIS:

The staff officers, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU), CCNY, 1943 - 1944, as identified in Organizational Rosters of ASTU on file at St. Louis, Missouri, set forth. Last known addresses designated in available service records of above officers set forth. Results of recontact with former associate of subject, set forth. Present and former owners, 311 West 72nd Street, NYC, had no record or recollection of subject's claimed residence thereat during 1936 - 1939. Student records, Columbia University, disclose no record for . No record of tenancy for at Bronx, NY.

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IDENTIFICATION OF UNITED STATES ARMY STAFF
OFFICERS, ARMY SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM,
COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, 1943 - 1944

[redacted] Reference
Service Unit, Miscellaneous Records Section, Department
of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, (DDMPC),
St. Louis, Missouri, advised SE [redacted] of the
following on August 29, 1956:

Any records at that center concerning GEORGE
KOVAL's service with the Army Specialized Training Program,
(ASTP), with the exception of Organizational Rosters
and Morning Reports, would be contained in his service
record. A review of KOVAL's service record disclosed
only that he was assigned to the 3410th "STAR", the
Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, from July 20,
1943 to August 10, 1943, and to Headquarters, 3225th
"STAR" Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit (SU, ASTU),
College of the City of New York (CCNY), from August 11,
1943 to August 9, 1944, when he was transferred to the
First Provisional Special Engineering Detachment (SED) Unit,
Oak Ridge, Tennessee. No details concerning the above
assignments were contained in the records.

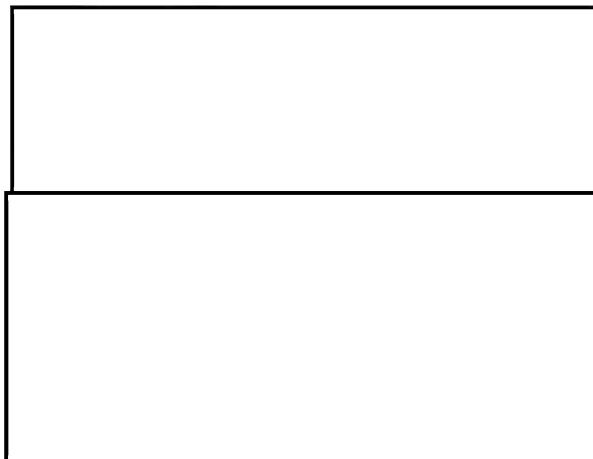
A check of the Organizational Rosters for the
3225th SU, ASTU, CCNY, revealed that the following
officers were members of the staff in 1943 - 1944:



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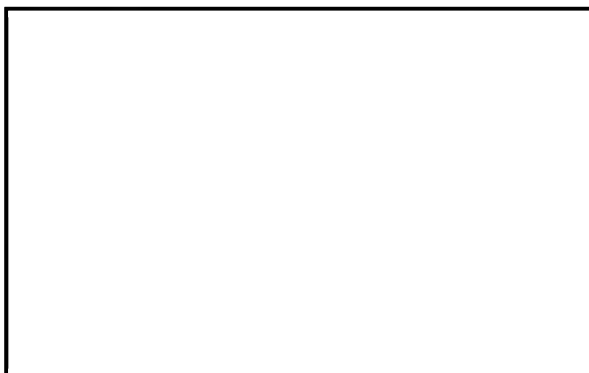
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The Organizational Records also disclosed the following as members of the 1218th SU, ASTU, CCNY, in 1943:



[redacted] stated that he was unable to identify [redacted] or [redacted] through the organizational rosters.

A check of the Service Records Section, DDMPRC, disclosed that a service record for one Lieutenant [redacted] was forwarded to the Personnel Information Branch, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., on December 20, 1949.

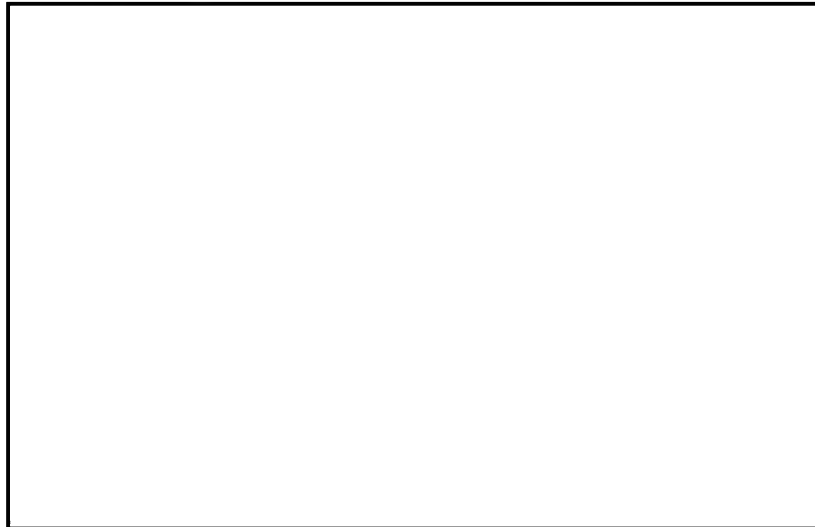
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It is noted that the October 6, 1943, issue of "The Campus", CCNY weekly newspaper, and the "CCNY Bulletin, 1942 - 1943," as reviewed on May 22, 1956, by SA [redacted] respectively identified [redacted] as a staff officer of the ASTP at CCNY, and [redacted] as on the Instructional Staff, Military Science Department, CCNY.

A check of the service records by [redacted] for each of the staff officers of the ASTU, CCNY, disclosed the following information concerning their last known addresses:



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It is noted that the current telephone directory, Borough of Queens, New York City, as reviewed by SA [redacted] on September 5, 1956, disclosed a telephone listing for Doctor [redacted] Flushing Long Island, New York.

[redacted] also advised on August 29, 1956, that the service records for the following

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officers are not on file at the DDMPRC, St. Louis Missouri, but should be on file at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.



RECONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bronx, New York, was recontacted by SA [REDACTED] on July 30, 1956, and advised as follows:

To the best of his recollection, [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] was employed by the General Electric Company, Incorporated, (GE), during 1947 or 1948, at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in conjunction with an "on the job training program" while a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). [REDACTED] believed that [REDACTED] was recommended for the above training program by a professor in the Electrical Engineering Department of MIT (name unknown to [REDACTED]), and that in all probability, the employment or correspondence records of the GE plant at Pittsfield, Massachusetts would disclose a record of [REDACTED] employment thereat, and possibly the name of the MIT professor who recommended him for that employment. [REDACTED] emphatically stated that the professor who recommended [REDACTED] for the MIT "on the job training program" was "extremely friendly" with [REDACTED] at New York City. N.Y.

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It is noted that when originally interviewed by SAS [redacted] on May 11, 1955, [redacted] described himself as a close associate of the subject at CCNY during the periods 1943 - 1944 and 1946 - 1948.

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RESULTS OF INQUIRY AT EASTERN ELECTRICAL
WHOLESALE ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK CITY

[redacted] Eastern
Electrical Wholesalers Association, (EEWA), 31 Union
Square West, New York City, was contacted by SA [redacted]
on August 6, 1956, and advised as follows:

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The records of the EEWA disclosed that the [redacted] was a member-company of the EEWA during the period February 20, 1940 to February 12, 1951. The corporate structure of [redacted] as filed with the EEWA, identified [redacted] as President; [redacted] as Vice-President; and [redacted] as Secretary. In a membership application executed by [redacted] during 1940, [redacted] claimed that all the employees of [redacted] were members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3, New York City. The membership of the IBC in the EEWA was terminated on February 12, 1951, for "arrears in dues payments."

[redacted] stated that he recalls having had limited contact with [redacted] whom he described as "an able electrical engineer, but a poor electrical supply businessman." The 1948 passport photograph of the subject was displayed to [redacted] who described the photograph as "completely unfamiliar" to him. [redacted] stated he was unable to furnish additional information regarding [redacted] and the latter's operation of [redacted]

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Concerning the above, it is noted that when contacted by SA [redacted] on July 12, 1956, [redacted] who described himself as employed in the electrical supply business in New York City, from 1922 - 1950, suggested that inquiry be made at the EEWA, New York City, concerning [redacted] which might possibly disclose in detail, information concerning the operation of [redacted] and its employees.

REGARDING SUBJECT'S REPORTED RESIDENCE AT
311 WEST 72nd STREET, NEW YORK CITY, 1936-1939

The subject listed the address of 311 West 72nd Street, New York City, as his former residence for the period 1936 - 1939, in an application for the SED, executed by him during 1943.

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[redacted] the rooming house located at 311 West 72nd Street, New York City, was contacted by SA [redacted] on August 9, 1956, and advised as follows:

He purchased the house at 311 West 72nd Street, New York City, during November, 1939, from [redacted] to the best of his recollection, also rented furnished rooms. A review of the rental records for the period November, 1939 through the present, failed to disclose a record for GEORGE KOVAL, or an individual with the surname KOVAL. The subject's photograph was described as "unknown" by [redacted] [redacted] believed that [redacted] the former [redacted] could be presently contacted at [redacted] Street, New York City.

[redacted] New York City, was contacted on August 14, 1956, by SA [redacted] and advised that she owned the house at 311 West 72nd Street, New York City, from around 1937 through 1939. She stated that she rented rooms to several different individuals during the period of her ownership, but was unable to recall their names and could not locate her rental records which would disclose that information. [redacted] described the name GEORGE KOVAL and a photograph of the latter as "unknown" to her.

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REGARDING THE REPORTED ATTENDANCE OF [redacted]
[redacted] AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY

[redacted] Registrar's Office, Columbia University, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on September 13, 1956, that a review of former and current student records of that university failed to disclose a record of attendance for [redacted]
[redacted]

Concerning [redacted] it is noted that when interviewed by SAS [redacted] [redacted] on February 20, 1956, [redacted]

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17 [redacted] La Verne, California, who described herself as the subject's [redacted] advised as follows:

She attended a New Year's Eve party during December, 1950, at an unknown address in West Los Angeles with a casual date, [redacted]. She recalled meeting, at this party, a man and wife named [redacted] who told her they were associated with Signet Laboratories in Los Angeles. During a conversation with the couple, the husband mentioned that they knew GEORGE KOVAL, who attended CCNY, and further that they had met him in Paris, France, during a trip to Europe in either 1949 or 1950.

[redacted] a firm engaging in collecting and preparing financial reports concerning business enterprises in the Los Angeles area, furnished information on February 21, 1956, that Signet Laboratories, 614-622 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles, is a partnership of [redacted]

begun in 1949. This record reflects [redacted] was born in 1918 in Michigan, came to California in 1920, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry from Stanford University, Masters of Arts Degree from Columbia University and Doctor's Degree from University of Basel in Switzerland, (no dates shown).

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REGARDING [redacted]

[redacted] also known as [redacted] an employee of the Union Industrial Supply, Incorporated, Culver City, California, was interviewed by SA [redacted] on June 8, 1956, at which time he described himself as very friendly with the subject during the period 1946 - 1948, at which time both he and the subject were students at CCNY. [redacted] identified one [redacted] as a fellow student at CCNY, who also was very friendly with the subject and with whom the subject "associated freely." [redacted] stated that [redacted] resided

Apartment [redacted]

Street, Bronx, N.Y.

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in [redacted] Bronx, New York, during 1954, and had lived at [redacted] Bronx, New York, during the period 1946 - 1948.

Appropriate city guides for the City of New York, as reviewed by SA [redacted] on September 14, 1956, failed to disclose a [redacted] Street in the Borough of Bronx, New York, but did disclose an [redacted] Avenue in that borough.

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[redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised SA [redacted] on September 14, 1956, that the tenancy records for that apartment house failed to disclose a record of tenancy for [redacted], or a family with the surname [redacted] for the period 1945 to present. [redacted] stated that [redacted] has been rented by [redacted] and family since March, 1956, and from 1952 to March, 1956, by a family with the surname [redacted]

ENCLOSURE: TO MIAMI:

One (1) passport photograph of subject taken during 1948.

ENCLOSURE: TO NEW ORLEANS:

One (1) passport photograph of subject taken during 1948.

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Information reported in instant report relating to the identification of staff officers, ASTP, CCNY, 1943 - 1944, was made available to the NYO by the St. Louis Office in its memo, 9/6/56. That memo set forth a lead for the Washington Field Office to locate service records and to ascertain last known addresses for those officers whose service records were not located at St. Louis, Missouri, which were described as possibly on file at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Lead set forth in report of SA [redacted] at NY on 8/2/56, to identify [redacted] a recipient of a telegram on 9/10/55, from [redacted] subject's cousin, will not be covered at this time, in view of subject's reported present residence in Moscow, Russia. The purpose of that lead was to establish whether or not [redacted] was identical with the subject. *no lead* *11/1/00*

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For the benefit of the Miami and New Orleans Offices which have not received a prior communication in this matter, the following brief summary of investigation conducted to date is noted:

Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942, he was employed with the

[redacted] During 1945, he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "Unclassified" to "Top Secret." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, as a "commissioned representative", he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS AMERICA", destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSINTEL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendelav Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

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Information furnished by the GURSINTELS was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ABRAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led to the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

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Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen, of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at CCNY on 2/1/48.

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BOSTON

At Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Will review employment and correspondence records of the GE plant in Pittsfield in an attempt to locate a record of employment for [] an MIT student who was reportedly employed thereat during the period 1947 - 1948, in conjunction with an MIT "on the job training program." If [] employment is verified, review same GE records to locate the name of the MIT professor who recommended [] for employment with GE.

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At Key Largo, Florida

Will attempt to locate and interview Major [] whose last known address during 1954, was [] Key Largo, Florida, regarding his recollection of the subject's activities as a member of the ASTP, CCNY, and the circumstances relating to subject's assignment from the ASTP to the SED, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In that regard, attempt to establish whether or not it was possible for subject to have knowledge, prior to his Army service, that his selection into the ASTP would result in an assignment with the SED, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Interviews with former staff officers, ASTP, CCNY, 1943 - 1944, should be directed at establishing whether or not subject's assignment to the ASTP and SED

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was a preconceived plan, and whether he had influence with any particular Army officer or civilian employee of the United States Government to successfully execute that plan, if any.

NEW ORLEANS

At Lucedale, Mississippi

Will, through appropriate sources, attempt to locate and interview [redacted] whose last known address as of May 19, 1948, was Lucedale, Mississippi. Interview should be conducted in accordance with instructions set forth herein for Miami Office regarding interviews with former staff officers, ASTP, CCNY, 1943 - 1944.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

and interview
1. Will attempt to locate [redacted]
[redacted] last known to be residing at [redacted]
[redacted] Forest Hills, Long Island, during 1947;
and [redacted] last known
to be residing at [redacted] Flushing, Long
Island, New York, during 1955, in accordance with
instructions set forth herein regarding interviews
with former staff officers, ASTP, CCNY.

2. Will, at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3, NYC, review membership records concerning subject.

3. Will, at [redacted] Bronx, New
York; [redacted] Bronx, New York, and CCNY,
attempt to develop information regarding the whereabouts
of [redacted] reportedly an associate of the subject
at CCNY during 1946 - 1948.

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4. Will contact American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and American Institute of Electrical Engineers, each located at 33 West 39th Street, New York City, for any information which may be available concerning subject.

5. Will consider the advisability of conducting appropriate manifest reviews at INS, NYC, regarding the subject and his family who reportedly departed the US at NYC for Russia during the spring of 1932.

6. Will also consider the advisability of conducting manifest reviews at INS, NYC, in an attempt to ascertain the subject's date of return to the US from Russia, which according to previous investigation, may have been sometime during the period 1939-1941.

LOS ANGELES AND WASHINGTON FIELD

One copy of this report has been designated for the Los Angeles Office and the WFO inasmuch as these offices are presently conducting investigation concerning this case.

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Report of SA [] dated
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 10/4/56

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (65-553)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - RRerep of SA [] dated 9/17/56 at
Washington Field.

On 9/28/56, []
Personnel Security Branch, Security Division, U. S. AEC, Oak Ridge,
Tenn., was requested to cause a complete search to be made of the
files of the Security Division, U. S. AEC, for a Manhattan Engineering
District security file on GEORGE KOVAL.

On 10/2/56, [] advised that the MED
security file on GEORGE KOVAL was sent on 11/23/54, to the office of
[] Internal Security Branch, Division of Security,
Washington, D. C., and that inquiry should be made in the office of
[] in regard to this file inasmuch as he should have the
file in his possession or should have some record of the whereabouts of
this file. [] advised that the file has not been returned to
Oak Ridge, Tenn., to date.

A review of the files of the Knoxville Office fails
to disclose any further investigation to be conducted in the Knoxville
Division.

If the MED security file on GEORGE KOVAL has not
been reviewed by WFO as is indicated by the administrative data on
refrep and WFO has not contacted the office of [] in an
effort to locate this file, such a contact should be made.

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SYNOPSIS:

Lucedale, Mississippi, former Major, USA, advises he does not recall subject at the ASTU, CCNY, New York, 1943-44. states assignment at CCNY did not assure assignment to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, or any other post of duty.

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DETAILS:

AT LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI

On October 9, 1956, of the Rural Electrification Association, advised that he had attended the ASTU in the City College of New York from about 1943 to 1945 for a period of about five months. He believed that he had been assigned to the "B" Company of the 3225th SU, ASTU, and that he was the

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[] had had four years' experience in an ROTC unit and had attended summer camp at Fort Benning, Georgia. While assigned to the 4th Army Infantry School at Fort Benning in 1943, he and about twenty other officers were selected to be sent to CCNY. Selection was made by a representative from the 2nd Service Command, New York, who reviewed the "201" files of the officers at Fort Benning. The officers selected were with members of the staff at Fort Benning or tactical instructors.

[] stated that an officer could not apply for the New York assignment but had to be selected by a representative of the 2nd Service Command, name unknown. [] left CCNY in about February, 1944, and proceeded to Ft. Dix, New Jersey, where he took over as personnel officer. He stated he had had no previous experience as a personnel officer but that he was assigned that duty anyway. He felt that assignments from CCNY were determined by the needs of the service and that there was no guarantee an officer would be designated for any particular type of duty.

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While at CCNY, [] stated that he had over 200 men in his company and would teach at least one thousand men per week.

Upon being shown a photograph of the subject, [] stated he was unable to recall the subject. He stated he recalled [] and a Captain [] who was from Memphis, Tennessee. [] stated that he knew of no particular officer or government employee who had control over the assignment of officers from the ASTU.

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No record General Electric Co., Pittsfield, Mass., as to who recommended [Redacted] for employment. [Redacted] employed G. E. Co. as MIT cooperative student from 9/27/48 to 2/4/49.

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DETAILS: At Pittsfield, Massachusetts

On October 15, 1956, [Redacted] Personnel Secretary, General Electric Company, 100 Woodlawn Avenue, stated the company records indicate [Redacted] as a cooperative student from September 27, 1948 to February 4, 1949, when he returned to Massachusetts Institute of Technology. [Redacted] said there is no additional information available concerning [Redacted]. She said that students are not required to submit applications as other employees and as a result there is no background information appearing for them. She said there is no information as to who recommended [Redacted] and no correspondence in his file from anyone.

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REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE OCT 31 1956	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/31/56; 9/7, 1, 13, 25, 27, 28; 10/10, 16, 29/56
TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KOVAL		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY ces
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SYNOPSIS:

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[redacted] Playa del Rey, California, advised 8/31/56 that she has held parties in December of 1950, 1951 and 1953. She states [redacted] and [redacted] are close acquaintances who normally attend her parties. She fails to recall [redacted] advises [redacted] traveled to Europe in 1953. [redacted] recontacted 10/19/56. States photo of [redacted] familiar as person met at New Year's Eve party, December, 1950, with whom she conversed regarding KOVAL. [redacted] is not certain now that [redacted] stated he met KOVAL in France but [redacted] stated he knew woman who could furnish KOVAL's European address and promised to call her later and furnish same. [redacted] unable to identify name of Columbia University faculty member with whom KOVAL acquainted in 1948. [redacted] reinterviewed 10/29/56 and denies any knowledge of KOVAL, does not recall meeting [redacted] at New Year's Eve party, December, 1950, or conversation with [redacted] regarding KOVAL or promise to obtain KOVAL's address in Europe for [redacted] admits he never attended Basel University

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in Switzerland in 1939 and had never left United States prior to European trip in 1953. [] states wife, [] applied for and obtained separate passport at Los Angeles 12/16/52.

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DETAILS

INTERVIEW OF []

On August 31, 1956 [] Avenue, Playa del Rey, California, was interviewed by SA's [] She advised she was formerly known as [] and is currently [] She acknowledged close acquaintance with [] and [] as well as [] She recalls open CALIF house New Year's Eve parties held in December, 1950, December, 1951, and December, 1953, and thinks that both of the [] attended these parties. She failed to recall acquaintance with [] nor could she state that she met [] through [] at any of these parties. She explained these parties are held by her and her husband almost every season and many people arrive whom she has never met before; therefore, it would not be unusual for [] to have attended this party without her knowledge. She stated that the party held in December, 1950 was at her former address, [] Windsor Hills area of Los Angeles, California.

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[] advises that the [] visited Europe in 1953. She recalls this date specifically because she and her husband, [] took [] to the International Airport, Los Angeles, in their car prior to their departure on this trip by air. [] advised she has known [] and [] for about fifteen years; that [] originally lived in Long Beach, California where his father was a successful businessman. [] was described by her as a very successful chemist who is now engaged in manufacture and sale of vitamin products. She stated that [] maiden name was []

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REINTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

On October 16, 1956 [REDACTED] Avenue, La Verne, California, was reinterviewed by SA [REDACTED]. She identified a photograph of [REDACTED] as familiar to her as a person she met at a New Year's Eve party in December, 1950 and engaged in conversation regarding KOVAL. She stated that after much reflection concerning this meeting that [REDACTED] stated he had known KOVAL at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during the latter part of World War II and knew a woman who had told him she had seen KOVAL in Europe. [REDACTED] stated that during this conversation [REDACTED] promised to obtain KOVAL's address from this unknown woman and telephone her at a later date furnishing same. She is not positive but thinks possibly [REDACTED] called her several weeks later and stated he had had no luck in contacting this unknown woman who knew KOVAL's European address.

[REDACTED] in a previous interview, advised that KOVAL was acquainted with a zoology professor at Columbia University during the period 1947-1948. She stated that she does not recall the name of this zoology professor and doubts if she would recognize the name of this person if she heard it. She said that KOVAL, during their acquaintance, only mentioned this person once or twice and she had no reason to remember this person's name. Upon hearing the names of Columbia University faculty members of the Zoology Department during 1948, she stated that none of the names sounded familiar to her. With regard to [REDACTED] a graduate student employed in the Zoology Department at Columbia University during 1948, [REDACTED] stated she vaguely recalled KOVAL mentioning someone named [REDACTED] but does not remember the extent of this association or whether this [REDACTED] is or was the zoology professor at Columbia University. b7C

[REDACTED] advises that since her first interview regarding KOVAL, she recalls one other matter of possible interest concerning KOVAL. She said that during the summer of 1948 KOVAL told her that during his Army assignment in Ohio he had met and become very serious about a girl named [REDACTED]. KOVAL described [REDACTED] as a student at Western Reserve University in Ohio whose father was a prominent businessman. KOVAL told [REDACTED] that he made frequent visits to see [REDACTED] and spent several weekends as guest of her family. KOVAL told [REDACTED] that he seriously considered marriage with [REDACTED] but changed his mind at the last minute and broke off this acquaintance. [REDACTED] could not furnish the surname of [REDACTED] nor the place where her family lived except she recalls [REDACTED] was from Ohio.

REINTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

On October 29, 1956 [REDACTED] was reinterviewed by SA [REDACTED] at Signet Laboratories, 614 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles, California. [REDACTED] advised that he and his wife, [REDACTED] have given considerable thought to this matter since first interviewed. He said they are positive they met no one during their trip to Europe in 1953 who could have been KOVAL. He recalled attending a New Year's Eve party held in December, 1950 at the residence of [REDACTED] but positively recalled no conversation at this party with [REDACTED]. He stated he does not recall meeting anyone named [REDACTED]. He said he is positive he does not recall promising to furnish CALIF KOVAL's address to [REDACTED] nor admitting an acquaintance with a woman who allegedly knew KOVAL. He said further that he is certain he would not have agreed to obtain KOVAL's European address from a third party for [REDACTED] in that he would not have felt obligated to do such for a person he had just met. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] might have obtained his business card at this party because as a general rule he distributes these cards freely at such parties offering discounts on the purchase of vitamins.

[REDACTED] advised he is positive he did not know KOVAL at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during the period 1945-1946 for he had no contact with any Army personnel there. He advised he was employed as a civilian in personnel procurement under the supervision of [REDACTED] a former personnel executive at Ford Motor Company at Detroit, Michigan. He said there were at least ten other persons employed in the same capacity as himself. His assignments involved surveys for potential technicians at colleges and universities in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina for eventual employment in the Manhattan Project. In this connection [REDACTED] repeated that he spent less than three days each month at Oak Ridge, Tennessee and had little or no contact with service personnel attached to the Manhattan Project.

[REDACTED] admitted he had never attended Basel University in Switzerland. He said he does not recall how this rumor began and admits that he possibly started it himself. He said he now finds it difficult to deny since this educational background lends a great deal of credence to him in his business as a chemist. He stated further he had never traveled to Europe or left the United States until 1953 when he and his wife visited Europe for about three months. He advised that his wife traveled on a separate

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passport which she applied for and obtained at Los Angeles on December 16, 1952 under the name [redacted] born April 30, 1924 at Franklin, Texas. He stated that during their trip to Europe in 1953 they visited England, Ireland, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and Belgium.

[redacted] added that he was more than willing to be of assistance to the FBI in this matter and if he had known KOVAL at any time, either at Oak Ridge or in Europe, he would have no reason to deny this acquaintance. [redacted] stated that he has never had any connection with a Soviet establishment or officials of the Soviet government nor has he had any connection with Soviet satellite countries or their officials. He stated that if he were approached by such representatives and felt that information gained by such approach would be of value to the United States Government, he would voluntarily furnish this information to the FBI or other proper Government agencies.

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One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office in explanation, furnished by [] of discrepancies pointed out in connection with passport number [] issued to [] 12/23/52, and previous information from [] indicating prior foreign residence at Basel University, Switzerland.

By letter dated 7/19/56 New York furnished a list of professors, associate professors, and graduate students employed in the Zoology Department, Columbia University, New York, during 1948, which were read to [] on 10/16/56 in an attempt to identify an alleged acquaintance with KOVAL in the Zoology Department of the university in 1948.

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In regard to [] mentioned by [] as a former acquaintance of KOVAL at Ohio during the period when KOVAL was serving in the U. S. Army, it is noted that the report of SA [] dated 5/25/56 at New York, page 10, reflects that an interview with [] on 5/25/55 by agents of the New York Office reflected that WEISMAN stated that KOVAL had mentioned a girl he dated during his tour of duty at Dayton, Ohio, and described that girl as someone KOVAL had almost married. This report also reflects that [] Dayton, Ohio, when interviewed on 4/18/56, advised that her daughter, [] knew KOVAL during 1945 and stated that [] is now married to [] and was then residing with her husband in France. It is probable that the [] referred to by [] is identical with this []

In regard to current interviews of [] and [] these interviews have been conducted in an attempt to ascertain whether [] was acquainted with KOVAL as alleged by [] It is noted [] stated she met [] at a New Year's Eve party in December, 1950 and [] in conversation, admitted knowledge of KOVAL at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during World War II and that KOVAL was recently known to be in Europe. Both [] readily admit in separate interviews that this party in December, 1950 was one at which all guests became extremely intoxicated and even though [] claims this conversation did occur, she admits she was in less than normal presence of mind and could have made errors in the

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original statements regarding KOVAL and [] admits he would not attempt to recall chance conversations at an event which occurred six years ago under the intoxicated condition which he might have been. [] has, on each contact, been openly cooperative and appeared to be sincerely interested in clarifying this matter. It is reasonably apparent that further interviews with either [] concerning this alleged conversation regarding KOVAL will elicit no further information not already obtained; therefore, Los Angeles contemplates no further contact with [] regarding this alleged conversation.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City, New York: Will attempt to locate and interview [] a graduate student employed in the Zoology Department, Columbia University, in 1948 and ascertain whether he was acquainted with GEORGE KOVAL during 1948, it being noted that [] vaguely recalls KOVAL mentioning an acquaintance named []

REFERENCES

Report of SA [] 8/29/56, Los Angeles.
Washington Field Office letter to Director, 9/26/56.
New York letter to Director, 7/19/56.

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TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KOVAL		Report made by <div></div>	Type: azi
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Synopsis:

Ph (retired), Key Largo, Fla., advised he was instructor in ASTU at CCNY from 1943 to 3/44, when he retired from Army. Stated subject unknown to him and subject's photograph not familiar. Stated all subsequent assignments of ASTP students would have been made by

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DETAILS AT KEY LARGO, FLORIDA:

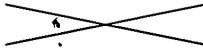
On October 10, 1956, (Retired), advised that he was an instructor in the Army Specialized Training Unit, at City College, New York, from 1943 until March, 1944, when he retired from the Army.

stated that the subject was unknown to him and that the subject's photograph did not appear familiar to him. made a search of all records which he had maintained, pertaining to the time he was assigned at City

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College, New York, and he was unable to locate a record reflecting the subject's name.

[redacted] stated that during the time he was an instructor in the Army Specialized Training Program at City College, New York, he was never asked for, and never gave, any recommendation regarding the subsequent assignment of ASTP students. He stated that insofar as he can recall, all of the recommendations for subsequent assignments would have been made by [redacted] who was the

[redacted] of the Army Specialized Training Unit at City College, New York, during his period of assignment at this institution.

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[redacted] stated that he did not know if it would have been possible for an individual, prior to his army service, to know that his selection into ASTP would result in any particular assignment.

It should be noted that [redacted] wife has advised that [redacted] suffered a severe stroke approximately eight years ago, which has resulted in slight impairment to his memory.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

advised she knew subject socially during 1945, but her recollection of his background and activities is hazy. She could recall nothing derogatory concerning subject and has not seen him since 1945. She is unaware of his present whereabouts. who roomed with subject in 1945, might be able to furnish additional information.

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November 5, 1956

GEORGE KOVAL

On October 25, 1956, [redacted] nee [redacted] was interviewed at the American Embassy, Paris, France. [redacted]

[redacted] readily admitted her acquaintance with subject and related that she worked with him at the Monsanto Company, Dayton, Ohio, during the summer of 1945.

During the period she knew subject, she went out with him socially six or seven times from June to September 1945. According to [redacted] subject never talked about himself and appeared to be very timid about his background and associates. She recalled that he was in the Army at the time he worked at Monsanto but was in civilian clothes most of the time. On one occasion she invited subject to her home in connection with a social affair, and her father and mother took a violent dislike to subject because he was so reticent about discussing his family.

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At no time did subject discuss politics with Mrs. [redacted] and she now thought that this was peculiar, since subject appeared to be a very serious and intelligent type of person. She could not recall anything derogatory about subject and claimed to know nothing about his involvement in any subversive activities.

[redacted] stated that she has not been in contact with subject since the fall of 1945 and has not seen him since that time, nor has she any information as to subject's present whereabouts and activities. She suggested that one [redacted] who [redacted] subject in 1945, might be able to supply some information. Although [redacted] did not know [redacted] present whereabouts, she recalled that [redacted] had married a Dayton girl and was probably still known at the Monsanto Company in Dayton.

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LEADS:THE PARIS OFFICE:

Will report the results of French investigation at Grenoble, France, as indicated in the attachment to Paris letter dated 9/27/56.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated 10/17/56.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 11/19/56

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6901)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
00: New York

Re Knoxville letter dated 10/4/56, reporting that subject's MED file had been forwarded to [redacted] AEC, on 11/23/54, and requesting this file be reviewed.

In connection with this lead, it is noted that the New York Office, by letter dated 8/2/56, originally requested that this file and any other available MED records pertinent to subject's assignment with MED at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio, be reviewed in an attempt to develop in detail all information relating to the exact nature of subject's duties at Oak Ridge and Dayton including his leave and travel records. It was also stated that emphasis should be given to ascertain whether or not MED conducted a "clearance investigation" of the subject.

On 10/16/56, through the cooperation of [redacted] subject's MED file as maintained by AEC was reviewed by SA [redacted]. At that time [redacted] advised Agent [redacted] that some material concerning MED employees is in dead storage at Oak Ridge, and that he would have to communicate with Oak Ridge to determine if any additional information concerning subject was available.

The only information subject's MED file contains concerning his employment is that set forth on a MED Personal History Statement dated 3/10/45, which shows the office of employment as Clinton Laboratories, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and his position as Health, Physics Department, Development Group. There is no record in the file as to his leave or travel.

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Concerning a "clearance investigation," the file does not reflect that there was any active investigation of subject. The file does contain an undated Personnel Security Questionnaire possibly executed at the time subject entered the Army. On the questionnaire and beside his listed education at the University of Iowa, his employment at the Raven Electric Company and references, [redacted] Bronx, New York, and [redacted] CCNY, there appeared red check marks indicating that these sources had been contacted concerning subject. This is borne out by the fact that the file contains form letters dated 8/3/44, directed to the University of Iowa, [redacted] by the District Intelligence Officer, Army Service Forces, U.S. Engineering Office, Manhattan District, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. These forms contain provisions on the reverse side for a reply.

The reply from the University of Iowa which was dated 8/10/44, and signed by [redacted] confirmed subject's attendance at the University from September, 1929, - June, 1932, but stated he did not graduate. It was further stated "we regret that we have no personal knowledge of this student."

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The reply from [redacted] was dated 8/10/44, and in it she indicated she had known subject approximately three years, was "just a friend," and that she knew nothing reflecting on his character or reputation. [redacted] reply was dated 8/8/44, and in it he indicated he had known subject for 1½ years subject having been in several of his, [redacted] "upper electrical engineering AST classes;" that subject had impressed him very favorably in all respects and that subject's "personality and character are above reproach." No reply from the Raven Electric Company was noted in the file.

On 11/15/56, [redacted] advised that the additional search of Oak Ridge records concerning subject had been negative. RUC.

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Subject: GEORGE ABRAMOVICH KOVAL

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SAC, New York

August 27, 1954

Director, FBI

GEORGE KOVAL
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The report of SA [redacted] dated 8-12-54 at New York captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was: [redacted] Espionage - R" and to previous correspondence in that case.

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Open separate investigative case file on George Koval, New York origin, and expedite submission of summary report on him suitable for dissemination.

Attached is copy of memo for your file 65-14743.

Attachment

cc 65-14743

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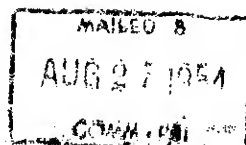
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Washington [] who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past, advised he did not recognize photograph of GEORGE KOVAL and name of subject means nothing to him.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington [] who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past, but who is a former official of Red Army Intelligence, was interviewed on September 9, 1954. He advised that he did not recognize the photograph of GEORGE KOVAL as anyone he has ever known in or out of Soviet intelligence circles. He stated that the name GEORGE KOVAL meant nothing to him.

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SYNOPSIS:

SUMMARY REPORT

Subject reportedly born 12/25/13 at Sioux City, Iowa, resided Sioux City, Iowa, and NYC, 1936-1948. Employed with Raven Electric Company, NYC, [REDACTED] from 1939-1943; US Army, including assignment on Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1943-1946; as European Sales Representative with Atlas Trading Corporation in 1948. Graduated cum laude with Electrical Engineering degree from College of the City of New York, February, 1948, possibly a member of AYD at CCNY in 1944.

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DETAILS:

Citizenship

Pages 12, 20 amended
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The records of the Veterans Administration, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., College of the City of New York, Atomic Energy Security File, and [REDACTED] another Government agency which retains personnel records, all disclosed that the subject was born on December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa.

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[redacted] Office of the Clerk of the District Court for Woodbury County, Iowa, advised there was no record of birth for GEORGE KOVAL during 1912, 1913, or 1914 in that office. A similar last name was located in Book F, page 138, of Birth, that being a LOUIS KAVALL. The record reflected that this individual was born on January 22, 1912, in Sioux City, Iowa. His father was listed as ABE KOVAL, 121 1/2 10th Street, white, age thirty, born in Russia, occupation carpenter. The mother was listed as ETHEL SMITH, white, age twenty-eight, also born in Russia.

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Residences

<u>Period</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Source</u>
1936	619 Virginia Street Sioux City, Iowa	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
1936-1939	311 West 72nd Street New York, New York	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
1939-1941	3451 Giles Place Bronx, New York	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
1941-1943	3470 Cannon Place Bronx, New York	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
3/10/45	SED Barracks Oak Ridge, Tennessee	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
Fall, 1946 - Fall, 1948	2004 Valentine Avenue Bronx, New York	Mrs. G. GARDNER Building Superintendent

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Employments

<u>Period</u>	<u>Employer At</u>	<u>Source</u>
1933-1940	Farmer	[REDACTED]
1933-1936	Square Deal Company, 928 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
1937-1939	Mid-Town Electric Company, Inc., 11 West 25th Street, New York, New York	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
1939-1943	Raven Electric Company, Inc., 11 West 25th Street, New York, New York	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
February, 1943 - February, 1946	United States Army, Veterans Administration, Technician, 3rd Grade, New York, New York Camp Atterbury, Indiana	
February, 1947 - May, 1947	Medical Salvage Company, 217 East 23rd Street, New York, New York	Veterans Administration, New York, New York (65-57859-291)
March, 1948-	Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York	Passport Division, United States Department of State

Military Background

[REDACTED] advised that GEORGE KOVAL had registered under the Selective Service Act of 1940 with Order No. 12928, Serial No. 2987, indicating his residence as in care of SILVER, Apartment 12, 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, New York. He indicated [REDACTED] Bronx, New York, a friend, was a person who would always know his whereabouts. He registered on

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January 2, 1941, at Local Board 126, Bronx, New York. On his questionnaire dated March 19, 1941, he indicated he attended the State University of Iowa for two and one-half years, during which time he studied electrical engineering. He indicated he was employed as a counterman at an electrical supply house for a period of three months, listing his employment as the Raven Electric Company, Incorporated, 11 West 25th Street, New York, New York. He indicated previous occupational experience as a farmer at intervals from 1933 to 1940. He further stated that he was then attending Columbia University attempting to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree.

[redacted] advised that on April 16, 1942, [redacted] Raven Electric Company, 11 West 25th Street, New York, New York, requested a deferment for GEORGE KOVAL for a period of at least three months, indicating that he was their key man. On February 4, 1943, KOVAL was inducted into the United States Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and was given Army Serial No. 32790994. His residence at that time was 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, New York, and he listed a friend, [redacted] same address, as the person to be notified in case of an emergency. KOVAL was discharged on February 12, 1946, at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, for the convenience of the Government, and he participated in no battles or campaigns.

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A review of the Manhattan Engineering District Security File in custody of the Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, furnished background information on the subject and noted that a personnel security questionnaire dated March 10, 1945, indicated that the subject was then employed in the Health Physics Department, Development, Clinton Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The file also contained an affidavit dated June 23, 1945, certifying that GEORGE KOVAL knew it to be his duty to safeguard classified information which had come to his attention. There was no indication of the period of time that the subject was employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

[redacted] Plant Protection Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, formerly known as the Clinton Laboratory, advised that his records indicated that GEORGE KOVAL was fingerprinted as a Mathematician on August 15, 1944, and that he worked in the Health Physics Department.

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[redacted] advised that he had no information as to the amount of classified data or the type of such information to which GEORGE KOVAL had access. He observed, however, that the information could vary from unclassified to top secret. He added that due to the large numbers of military personnel employed at the laboratory during World War II, very little information of a personal nature was obtained.

The records of the Veterans Administration, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, on March 25, 1954, disclosed Veterans Administration File 12444012 on GEORGE KOVAL (no middle name), 2004 Valontino Avenue, Bronx, New York. The file disclosed that on September 4, 1946, KOVAL applied for educational benefits to pursue an Electrical Engineering course at the School of Technology, College of the City of New York. He entered training on September 23, 1946, and terminated this training on February 29, 1948. KOVAL entered the United States Army on February 11, 1943, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and received an honorable discharge on February 12, 1946, as Technician, 3rd Grade, at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He attended the Army Specialized Training Program from August, 1943, to August, 1944, during which time he studied electrical engineering at the College of the City of New York.

KOVAL's Army Separation Qualification Record disclosed he completed two and one-half years of college at the State University of Iowa in electrical engineering and that he also spent one year studying organic chemistry at Columbia University, New York, New York.

He held a civilian job as purchasing agent with the Raven Electric Supply Company from 1939 to February, 1943. He was engaged in purchasing electrical supplies and equipment for a supply company from a manufacturer for wholesale trade. He made purchasing trips to various manufacturing concerns in New York and Pennsylvania.

In his military career, KOVAL was an Engineering Aide, having worked on the Manhattan Engineering Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio. He assisted in performing technical work involving the development of apparatus, collection, and transposition of data incident to research in and the development of Army material.

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The Veterans Administration file contained his signature and a photostat of fingerprints from his right hand and indicated he was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Medal. He indicated his permanent residence as 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, New York, and he was discharged for reasons of demobilization.

A letter was addressed to GEORGE KOVAL by the Veterans Administration to the 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York, address dated February 26, 1952, for over-payment of subsistence which was returned stamped "Not at address given." A previous letter dated September 15, 1949, had also been returned stamped "Removed, left no address."

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Education

The Manhattan Engineering District Security File at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, disclosed that the subject attended the Armstrong School, Sioux City, 1918-1925; Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, 1925-1926; and the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, September, 1929 - February, 1932.

The following investigation at the College of the City of New York, 139th Street and Convent Avenue, New York, New York, was conducted by SA [redacted] on June 10, 18, and 29, 1954:

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[redacted] Day Session, Registrar's Office, produced a record of GEORGE KOVAL, no middle name, who was born on December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa, and resided at 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York. The records disclosed that his parents were both deceased, his father having been born in Poland and becoming a naturalized United States citizen about 1919.

KOVAL attended Central Hall High School in Sioux City, Iowa, from September, 1925, to June of 1929. He also attended the State University of Iowa, but no dates for same were given. He entered the College of the City of New York, on September 5, 1946, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering on February 1, 1948, cum laude. He ranked fourth in a class of 186 engineers and second in a class of sixty-seven electrical engineers. He was also awarded credit for work from September, 1929, to February 2, 1932, which was not otherwise explained.

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He was in the United States Army from February 4, 1943, to February 12, 1946, and was an Army Specialized Training Program student at the College of the City of New York from August 9, 1943, to July 29, 1944. His record was clear and there was no unfavorable information contained therein.

[redacted] Day Session, Registrar's Office, produced the records of Army Specialized Training Program students which disclosed the following information:

GEORGE KOVAL, born on December 25, 1913, holder of Army Serial No. 32790994, was a resident of 3151 Giles Place, Bronx, New York. He was screened at Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, and had an AGCT score of 152. He attended a total of four terms of Army Specialized Training Program training from August 9, 1943, to July 29, 1944, and was rated as a very good student. He was a Corporal and assigned to Company A of the 101st Engineer Battalion and had been employed as a purchaser prior to his induction.

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[redacted] advised that there was no record in his office of questionable activity on the part of GEORGE KOVAL or of any disciplinary action having been taken against him at the College of the City of New York.

[redacted] 1140th Street and Convent Avenue, New York, New York, advised that the only information in their files was that GEORGE KOVAL received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree in 1948 and that his address as of March, 1951, was 14 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York, Telephone No. TR 3-3081.

[redacted] was recontacted on October 19, 1954, at which time she advised that the 14 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York, address for GEORGE KOVAL was an administrative error and the last address for the subject should be 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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Possible Foreign Travel

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., which were reviewed by SA [redacted] on July 27, 1954, and August 2, 1954, reflect that GEORGE KOVAL (no middle name shown) was born on December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa, and was issued Passport No. 170092 on March 15, 1948, for proposed travel on business for Atlas Trading Corporation, New York, New York, to France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, and Poland, in approximately March, 1948, for a duration of approximately four to six months. KOVAL's application for the same passport reflected his address in March, 1948, as 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx 57, New York, and indicated that he was an electrical engineer by profession. The identifying witness on this passport application was [redacted] New York 25, New York, who indicated he had known KOVAL for a period of approximately five years and was not KOVAL's relative.

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The passport records pertaining to KOVAL further indicated that his parents were both deceased as of 1948 but had resided at Sioux City, Iowa, prior to their deaths. ABRAHAM BERNARD KOVAL (father) was born in Russia in about 1881 and was a naturalized American citizen who came to the United States in approximately 1910, and ETHEL SHENITSKY KOVAL (mother) was also born in Russia in about 1883 and came to the United States in about 1911, according to these records.

Further reflected in the files of the Passport Office is correspondence addressed to that office from the Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York 4, New York, dated March 8, 1948. Said correspondence set forth that KOVAL would act as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corporation, an export-import firm, on a commission basis in France, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, and Poland, and also requested the issuance of the necessary passport and/or other travel documents for KOVAL's travel to these countries. The correspondence was signed by Mr. P. R. RINCONES, President, Atlas Trading Corporation.

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Neighborhood

[redacted] of 3451 Giles Place and 3470 Cannon Place, New York, New York, advised on March 26, 1954, that both the aforementioned addresses were properly used for the large apartment development located in that area. He noted that the apartment development changed hands on December 15, 1948, and most of the rental records prior to that time were destroyed.

[redacted] stated that in 1941 the tenant listed for Apartment 142 at 3451 Giles Place was listed as [redacted] who continued to occupy that apartment until October 21, 1942, at which time a new tenant by the name of [redacted] took possession of the apartment. The records for the years 1943 to 1949 were destroyed and there was no indication of a GEORGE KOVAL having resided in the building.

[redacted] observed that at one time the development had been a cooperative and the occupancy was still approximately 40 per cent Communist Party sympathizers or members. He stated he would attempt to make inquiry among tenants he considered reliable to determine the whereabouts of [redacted] or KOVAL.

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[redacted] was recontacted on June 9, 1954, at which time he advised that inquiries among tenants who had resided in that development for twenty years or more failed to disclose any information concerning GEORGE KOVAL. He did ascertain that [redacted] who had once resided in Apartment 142 later moved into the K building of that development and subsequently moved to California. [redacted] had resided alone for the greater part of that period, but [redacted] could obtain no additional background information. The tenant who had furnished the foregoing data did not know [redacted] current whereabouts and could not recall the year [redacted] departed.

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised on March 26, 1954, that he had no information or removal address concerning GEORGE KOVAL.

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[redacted] of known reliability, who has worked in the area of Giles Place and Cannon Place for the past eight years, advised on March 26, 1954, that he recalled that at the end of World War II when he returned to his work in that area having made inquiries concerning the whereabouts of one [redacted]. Inquiries at that time disclosed the information that she was deceased. [redacted] also remembered the name GEORGE KOVAL from prior to World War II, but he had neither seen nor heard anything concerning that name since that time. (65-57859-271)

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she did not recall
[redacted] Bronx, New York, advised on March 25 and 26, 1954, that after carefully searching her memory, she could not recall anyone by the name of GEORGE KOVAL nor was she familiar with anyone by the name of [redacted] who lived in the vicinity of Cannon Place or Giles Place in the Bronx. She acknowledged that both those addresses were close to her residence but that she could not recall ever meeting anyone by the aforementioned name and could offer no explanation as to why she would be listed on a Government record as always knowing the whereabouts of GEORGE KOVAL. (500 65-57859-271)

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised on June 9 and 11, 1954, that he had no forwarding address for GEORGE KOVAL from 2004 Valentino Avenue, Bronx, New York. He contacted the employee who used to work in that area, but the employee also had no recollection of the name GEORGE KOVAL.

[redacted] 2004 Valentino Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised on June 10 and 11, 1954, that GEORGE KOVAL had resided in an apartment in that building approximately four and one-half years ago, having moved in apparently on his release from the Army in the fall of 1946. He remained there about three years and then departed for Europe, after which she never heard anything further from him or concerning him.

She stated that KOVAL was attending school during the period he stayed there, that he kept very much to himself, going out infrequently, and had only one visitor who used to come to see him. This man was in his sixties, had gray hair, stocky build, foreign accent, appeared to be of French nationality, was about

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5'7" tall, cleanly dressed, nicely mannered, and wore a regular short beard. He visited KOVIL about two times and was the only visitor KOVIL had to [redacted] knowledge. She viewed several photographs of [redacted] and stated the visitor was not identical with [redacted]. She commented that GEORGE KOVIL did not talk of his background to any great extent; however, she did understand that he lost his parents at an early age and was reared in an orphanage, possibly in Cleveland, Ohio. He supposedly had one aunt, who never took much interest in him, and he appeared to be very poorly fixed financially.

[redacted] stated that KOVIL departed with virtually no notice in the fall of the year he completed his schooling. He came in the morning of his departure, packed his trunk, and left, stating that he was going to Europe. [redacted] has not heard from him since that time. It was her impression that he may have obtained employment with the United States Government inasmuch as she believed that a brown, Army-type jeep called for KOVIL's trunk. She could not recall the exact date of his departure other than it was definitely in the fall of the year that he graduated from the College of the City of New York, where he had been studying engineering. She did not know KOVIL to have any employment other than as a student. She stated that she had never heard of [redacted] or the Raven Electric Company. She observed that [redacted] who was in that building, had treated KOVIL on occasion. (65-57859-299)

[redacted] 2004 Valentino Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised on June 14, 1954, that he knew very little concerning GEORGE KOVIL other than he had lived in that building for several years, during which time he had treated KOVIL's teeth on one or two occasions. [redacted] advised that he has no longer retained [redacted] of KOVIL and knew little concerning his departure other than it was sudden and that KOVIL expressed some intention of working in Europe. He recalled that KOVIL's departure occurred six months to one year after he completed his schooling. (65-57859-299)

Activities

[redacted] another Government agency which conducts security investigations, on February 3, 1944, furnished a report on the

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activities of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) at the College of the City of New York. The informant noted an executive meeting of the Tom Paine Club, the local AYD unit at the College of the City of New York, was held on January 28, 1944. The first order of business concerned the naming of committees and included among the committees listed and members thereof was one KOVAL listed as a member of the Recruitment Committee.

The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised in 1944 that the name KAVAI appeared among the notes and documents of [redacted] with aliases, Attache of the USSR Consulate General, New York City in 1944. [redacted]

[redacted] New York, New York, attorney handling the general assignment of the Raven Electric Company, Incorporated, in favor of creditors, made available on February 14, 1952, various books and records relating to the operation of that company to SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]. These records contained a list of former employees of Raven Electric Company and included therein was GEORGE KOVAL, Social Security No. 152-18-0975, 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, New York. He was employed during the period of January 2, 1942, to March 27, 1942, and was elected to the Board of Directors on May 15, 1942.

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised on October 26, 1949, that [redacted] also known as [redacted] of the Raven Electric Company, Incorporated, New York, New York.

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised on October 12, 1949, that she had known one [redacted] who had been in the electrical business in New York City. The informant did not know [redacted] to be a member of the Communist Party but stated he was devoted to the aims and purposes of the Russian Revolution.

On February 20, 1950, the informant advised a photograph of [redacted] taken in 1922 was identical with the [redacted] she had previously described.

Louis Gibarti, alleged former Comintern representative whose credibility is not known since he has in NY 65-16756 the past furnished both reliable and unreliable information.

[redacted] of unknown reliability, a former Comintern agent who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 16, 1952, after viewing photographs of [redacted] that the person portrayed is identical to one [redacted]. According to the informant, Gibarti [redacted] was a regular "customer" at the office of International-
arboiter Hilfo (Workers International Relief - W. I. R.) at Berlin during the 1929-1932 period. It was the informant's Gibarti's recollection that he had seen [redacted] come to the W. I. R. office at least five to six times. Reportedly, [redacted] was given a Russian visa and he would go into the Soviet Union. The informant was of the opinion that [redacted] must have had a "confidential assignment" since he did not mix with the regular Communist Party crowd in Berlin.

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Subsequently, Gibarti, the informant stated he saw [redacted] again in New York City during 1938. The place of the meeting was the offices of World Tourists on Broadway and Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. On this occasion the Gibarti informant saw [redacted] in the company of JACOB GOLOS. It was the informant's contention that [redacted] during this period, was an important contact for Soviet agents and a close friend of [redacted].

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Gibarti. The informant also recalled that prior to 1929, [redacted] was a member of the International Workers Order and a good friend of WILLIAM WEINER.

The Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities Report of 1938, page 122, stated: "The American Section of the W. I. R. ...like those sections in other countries, was controlled by 'fraction' leaders who, according to Article I, Section 7, of the Communist International Constitution, were responsible to the Comintern at Moscow."

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, self-admitted former Soviet agent, has previously identified JACOB GOLOS as her superior.

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[redacted] of known reliability, has advised that WILLIAM WEINER is generally regarded as the man responsible for the

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finances of the Communist Party and as one of the most important Communists in the movement.

[redacted] of unknown reliability, was shown passport photographs of [redacted] on April 24, 1952, and without being advised of his name or background data, the informant recognized him and was quite sure of this identification as one [redacted] whom he thought came directly from Russia to the Amtorg Trading Corporation, New York, New York. The informant believed him to be undoubtedly identical with [redacted] (first name not known) and believed [redacted] came to the Amtorg Trading Corporation in 1928, because he recalled seeing him in the old Amtorg building near the Battery, New York City, and also recalled seeing him when the Amtorg Trading Corporation moved to their new quarters near 28th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

During the period that [redacted] was with the Amtorg Trading Corporation, he associated only with the Russian group and not with the American group. Further, there were very few at Amtorg who associated with [redacted] due to some unknown fear of him.

When furnished [redacted] full name and background, the informant stated the German or French spelling of [redacted] would be [redacted]. The informant added that [redacted] trips to Europe could very well have been in behalf of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, which company is the official Russian trading agency in New York City.

[redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service Consultant and member of the Communist Party, USA, from 1929 to 1937, observed photographs of [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] on April 23, 1952. [redacted] stated that the photograph of [redacted] taken in 1929 strongly resembled an individual whom he met in the presence of J. PETERS, JACOB GOLOS, and others on the seventh floor of the Flatiron Building in New York City in 1929. The informant was unable to recall the details or purpose of the meeting on that occasion, but added that it was his recollection that [redacted] was a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party at that time. He stated that [redacted] was also present at a discussion involving the selection of members of the Control Commission of the

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Communist Party which took place in 1930 in New York City in an old opera house off Union Square. He also believed [] had accompanied EARL BROWDER to China or followed him a year or so later. However, he could not recall any further activities concerning []. He did not recall seeing him after 1930 and had no additional background information concerning him.

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[] of unknown reliability, a former member of the Communist Party, on February 18, 1943, identified ALEXANDER STEVENS as J. PETERS, who WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, on May 13, 1942, classified as the head of the Communist underground movement in the United States.

EARL BROWDER was the former National Chairman of the Communist Political Association.

Mr. GEORGE KOVAL, employed by Engine Company 35, East 119th Street between Second and Third Avenues, New York, New York, residing at [] Bronx, New York, advised on August 6, 1954, that he had never been associated with the Raven Electric Company, [] nor was he a veteran of the Armed Forces. He stated that he has on numerous occasions been mistaken for another GEORGE KOVAL, however, in line with the following incidents:

He commented that he and the other GEORGE KOVAL apparently both studied at the College of the City of New York at different times, he having taken some economic courses there in 1935. He is the only GEORGE KOVAL listed in the Bronx Telephone Directory and particularly during 1949 numerous telephone calls came to his residence from females indicating they had met him in various cities around the United States. On the basis of the conversations held between these individuals and his wife, they both came to the conclusion that the other KOVAL must have been employed as a merchant seaman or in some form of service in that he was believed to have been wearing a Naval uniform of some type.

Mr. KOVAL stated that he vividly recalls one particular such incident in 1949, during which time two girls contacted his

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wife mentioning they had met him when he was in Albuquerque. It so happened that he was on vacation himself at that time but he had not been in New Mexico.

Mr. KOVAL contacted his wife for any additional information that she could furnish, and she substantiated most of the foregoing. She also advised that a GEORGE KOVAL had been listed in the newspapers a few years ago as having won \$500.00 in the Irish Sweepstakes but they did not know if it was the same individual.

Mr. KOVAL stated that he does not recall any recent telephone contacts but most other association has been by mail and that he still receives some form of electrical society magazine which he does not subscribe to. He also recalled that approximately two years ago he began to receive some form of Communist publication called the "National Guardian" and on attempting to ascertain how he received a subscription, the publishers informed him it was entered by an unknown party. He stated he had no additional information concerning KOVAL and in the event he did receive any indication of where the other GEORGE KOVAL is presently located, he would immediately notify the New York Office.

who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past, but who is a former official of Red Army Intelligence, was interviewed on September 9, 1954. He advised that he did not recognize a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL as anyone he has ever known in or out of Soviet Intelligence circles. He added that the name GEORGE KOVAL meant nothing to him.

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Miscellaneous

The records of the following agencies at Washington, D.C. failed to reflect any information identifiable with GEORGE KOVAL, born on December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa, as of September 15, 1954:

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Military Sea Transportation Service
Maritime Service
Army Transport Service
Merchant Marine

The files of [] another Government agency, failed to reflect any information identifiable with the subject.

Description

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The following description of the subject was obtained from [] the Veterans Administration, the State Department, and the Atomic Energy Commission:

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	December 25, 1913
Place of Birth	Sioux City, Iowa
Height	5'11½" - 6'
Weight	170-175 lbs.
Hair	Black-dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium-dark
Scars and Marks	None noted
Occupation	Electrical Engineer, Farmer, Counterman
Marital Status	Single
Immediate Relatives	Father, BERNARD ABRAHAM KOVAL, Carpenter, born in about 1885 near Pinsk, Poland, naturalized in about 1917 in Sioux City, Iowa, died in 1933, Sioux City, Iowa. Mother, ETHEL KOVAL, housewife, born in about 1888 near Pinsk, Poland, naturalized in 1917, in Sioux City, Iowa, died in February, 1934, in Sioux City, Iowa.

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Immediate Relatives
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References Listed
for Atomic Energy
Commission

Army Serial No.

Brothers, ISIDOR KOVAL,
Sioux City, Iowa, born
in the United States,
American citizen;
GABRIEL KOVAL, Sioux City,
Iowa, born in United States,
American citizen.
Mrs. TILLIE SILVER,
3451 Giles Place,
Bronx, New York;
known four years.
First Lieutenant JACOB VITZ,
1001st Engineers, APO No. 26;
Known one year.
Dr. HARRY HINSTEIN, College
of the City of New York,
New York, New York; known
one year.
Dr. HAROLD WOLF, College of
the City of New York, New York,
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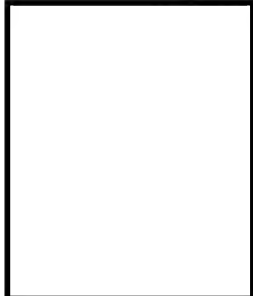
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[REDACTED]	Former residence of subject.	3/26/54	[REDACTED]	65-14743-347
[REDACTED]	Negative	6/9/54	[REDACTED]	65-14743-359

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[redacted]	Negative	9/9/54	[redacted]	65-16756-4
[redacted]	Negative	9/15/54	[redacted]	65-14743-373
[redacted]	Anonymous source of Chicago Office mentioned in report of SA [redacted] 1/12/45. NY. captioned [redacted] was; IS - R."			100-61489-34

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OMAHA

At Iowa City, Iowa

Will check records of the University of Iowa for all available background and activity of the subject.

Will ascertain former residences, employments, and schools from above records and will display photographs of subject to persons who knew GEORGE KOVAL to confirm identity.

Through above leads and resultant information, investigation should be conducted to determine whether subject's parents are in fact deceased and if not, their present whereabouts.

Will determine the whereabouts of brothers of subject, ISIAH and GABRIEL KOVAL.

Will be alert to possibility subject is identical with LOUIS KOVAL, born on [redacted] as shown in the report of SA [redacted] dated August 13, 1954. Omaha, captioned "Unknown Subject, was: [redacted] ESPIONAGE - R," and will determine when, where, and why subject assumed identity of GEORGE KOVAL, born on December 25, 1913.

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The foregoing leads are listed as a guide only and are not to be considered all inclusive. Omaha should conduct such investigation as necessary, including a check of all logical informants and sources of information to completely determine the subject's early history. This investigation is necessary inasmuch as the allegations against [redacted] and the Ryon Electric Company, which the subject was Director of in 1942 are such to make it conceivable that GEORGE KOVAL is an assumed identity on the part of the subject. [redacted] is the chief suspect for Russian agent [redacted] operating in NYC in 1941, who was allegedly in contact with and responsible for paying additional Soviet agents such as [redacted] and agents with code names [redacted] and others. Accordingly, any information as to

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nicknames, code names, or questionable data concerning the subject's identity in the course of above investigation should be fully explored. It is expressly desired that substantiating information be obtained from individuals who personally know the subject rather than merely public sources where the data contained therein originated with the subject himself.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will forward two copies of subject's photograph taken in 1944 in connection with subject's passport application to the Omaha and New York Offices. Photographs previously forwarded New York as enclosures to the report of SA [redacted] August 13, 1954, at Washington, D.C., captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was: [redacted] ESPIONAGE - R," cannot currently be located.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will contact [redacted] for background on Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York; if no reason exists to the contrary, will contact same for background and activity of subject.

Will contact Medical Salvage Company, 217 East 23rd Street, New York, New York, for background and activity of subject.

Will check records of Columbia University for background and activity of subject.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York, 8/27/54.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-75859)

DATE: 10/28/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - REnclosed are six copies of summary report of
SA [redacted] NY, dated 10/28/54.

Information previously reported in report of SA [redacted]
[redacted] dated 2/20/53, captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was:
ESPIONAGE - R" concerning one GEORGE KOVAL
attending a meeting of the Back of the Yards Club in Chicago,
Illinois, on 11/17/44, and being elected delegate to the "Daily
Worker" Press Conference to be held 11/26/44 was not included
in enclosed report inasmuch as subsequent information discloses
subject was fingerprinted at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on 8/15/44,
and was not discharged from the United States Army until 2/12/46,
making it very unlikely he is identical with the foregoing activity.

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: November 9, 1954

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To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Transmitted herewith is a copy of a confidential report in this matter made by Special Agent [redacted] dated October 28, 1954, at New York.

In 1947 a former officer of the Soviet Military Intelligence Service, who defected in 1942, advised that in 1941 an individual operating under the code name of [redacted] or [redacted] was serving as the chief illegal resident of the Fourth Section of the Soviet Military Intelligence Service in the United States. According to the informant, [redacted] in New York, and maintained sizable accounts in New York banks for use by the Soviet Military Intelligence Service in financing their operations in this country. The informant stated that other Soviet Intelligence personnel dispatched to the United States were sent to [redacted] who established them in his business or elsewhere.

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As a result of considerable investigation, [redacted] Company in New York City, has emerged as [redacted]

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[redacted] background and description are similar to descriptive data given by the informant with respect to [redacted] and independent sources have indicated his probable past involvement in Soviet Intelligence operations.

As set forth in the enclosed report, George Koval, at one time assigned on the Manhattan Project, was employed by the Owen Electric Company from 1939 to 1949. Investigation in this matter is continuing.

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sister [redacted] General William F. Tompkins
y routing slip [redacted] on same date

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cc - 1 - Director BY COURIER SERVICE
Central Intelligence Agency (Attachment)
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

cc - 1 - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 (Attachment)
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

cc - 1 - Captain John A. Waters BY COURIER SERVICE
Director of Security (Attachment)
Atomic Energy Commission
Room 2314, T-5 Building
16th and Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: November 9, 1954

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6901)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - RRe report of SA [REDACTED] dated
October 28, 1954, at New York.

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In compliance with the lead set forth in referenced report there is enclosed one copy each of the photograph of subject for the New York and Omaha Offices. This is a passport photo taken in 1948 and is the only one available.

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Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL
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Rerep of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated October 28, 1954. A review of Bureau files has disclosed many references to the Atlas Trading Corporation for which George Koval was reported to be serving as European sales representative at the time of his departure from the United States in 1948. The greater bulk of these references are available to the New York office, but your attention is specifically called to page 69 of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 5/24/41 at New York in the case captioned "Antorg Trading Corporation, Espionage - R." New York file 65-7471, [REDACTED]

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(61-5381-319 page 69)
It is suggested that the agent to whom this case is assigned may wish to confer with agents of the New York office currently handling Yugoslav investigations, who are, undoubtedly, familiar with the Atlas Trading Corporation and may be in a position to suggest some contact through whom details of Koval's employment with that organization may be determined.

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Director, FBI (65-82911)

GEORGE KOVAL
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Rerep of SA [redacted]
dated 10/28/54 at New York, on pages 10 and 11 of
which is reported a contact with George Koval by
an unidentified individual. It is suggested that
available photographs of Jacob Broches Aronoff

[redacted] be displayed to [redacted]
superintendent at 2004 Valentine Avenue, Brooklyn,
New York, for possible identification.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA	DATE WHEN MADE 12/23/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/2, 15, 16, 17/54	REPORT MADE BY mev
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Records State Uni., of Ia., Iowa City, Ia., reflect GEORGE KOVAL was born 12/25/13 at Sioux City, Ia. Subject attended the Uni., of Ia., College of Engineering from 9/29 to 6/32. Former professors at Uni. of Ia., do not recall subject. Confidential Informant advised he was not acquainted with subject. No credit or criminal record for the subject at Iowa City, Iowa.			
- P - DETAILS: AT IOWA CITY, IOWA: BIRTH DATA: Records at the Registrar's Office, University of Iowa, reflect GEORGE KOVAL was born December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa. His father was listed as ABE KOVAL.			
EDUCATION: [redacted] Registrar's Office, University of Iowa, exhibited the scholastic records of GEORGE KOVAL. Records reflect KOVAL entered the University of Iowa September 19, 1929, and attended the University of Iowa in the College of Engineering until June of 1932. KOVAL listed previous education as Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa, graduating June 13, 1929.			
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[redacted] College of Engineers, University of Iowa, advised she was at the University of Iowa in 1929-1932 but she did not recall the subject. A picture of KOVAL was exhibited to [redacted] who after viewing same stated she could not recall him.

[redacted] College of Engineering, University of Iowa, viewed the photograph of KOVAL and advised he could not recall the subject.

Professor [redacted] viewed a photograph of KOVAL and stated he could not recall him as being a student.

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The records of the University of Iowa further reflected GEORGE KOVAL listed as persons who would always know his address the following:

[redacted] Sioux City, Iowa;
[redacted] Sioux City, Iowa.

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The subject listed his address in the scholastic records at the University of Iowa, as 619 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Subject, while attending the University of Iowa, resided at the Quadrangle, Male Dormitory, on the University of Iowa campus.

[redacted] the Quadrangle, advised no records are maintained at the Quadrangle prior to 1945. She advised she was not associated with the Quadrangle during the period that KOVAL resided there and no one presently at the Quadrangle was there during 1929-1932.

[redacted] of the College of Engineering, University of Iowa, checked the class records for the years 1929-1932 and listed the following persons who might be acquainted with KOVAL, inasmuch as they attended classes with him at the University of Iowa:

[redacted] Muscatine, Iowa;
[redacted] Iowa Illinois Gas and Electric Company,
Davenport, Iowa;
[redacted] Manager of the Iowa Power and Light Company, Des Moines, Iowa;
[redacted] Equitable Life Assurance Company, New York City, New York.

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A picture of GEORGE KOVAL taken September 19, 1929, was obtained from the records of the Registrar's Office, University of Iowa.

Confidential Informant, [redacted] of known reliability, and a former member of the Communist Party, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, advised he was not acquainted with KOVAL and has not heard his name mentioned in connection with any Communist Party activity or membership in the Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Iowa area.

Confidential Informant, [redacted] of known reliability, advised he was not acquainted with KOVAL, and has not heard his name mentioned in connection with Communist Party activity or membership.

The Communist Party, USA, is an organization that has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] of the Iowa City Credit Bureau, advised he had examined the records of his office and no record was found for the subject.

Records of the Sheriff's Office and Police Department at Iowa City, Iowa, were examined and no record was found for GEORGE KOVAL.

The records of the Registrar's Office, University of Iowa, reflect no nicknames or aliases for GEORGE KOVAL.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE:

Two (2) photographs of the subject, GEORGE KOVAL.

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Will locate and interview [REDACTED] Iowa Illinois Gas and Electric Company, Davenport, Iowa, for any information he may have regarding KOVAL. It is to be noted [REDACTED] was at the University of Iowa during the period KOVAL also attended. Efforts should be made to ascertain former residences, employments, friends, relatives, and their present location if possible. Will make inquiry regarding the brothers of KOVAL, ISIAH and GABRIEL KOVAL, and their residences. Will determine if [REDACTED] is aware of any other name or nicknames used by KOVAL.

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Will contact Confidential Informants regarding GEORGE KOVAL.

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

Will locate and interview [REDACTED] Iowa Power and Light Company at Des Moines, Iowa. Interview should be along the lines requested of interview at Davenport.

AT MUSCATINE, IOWA:

Will locate and interview [REDACTED] business and address unknown. Interview should be handled as requested in Davenport, Iowa interview.

AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA:

Will check the records of Central High School in an effort to determine additional background data regarding GEORGE KOVAL and members of his family, and their present whereabouts.

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Will locate and interview [] who was [] at Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa, when KOVAL attended.

Will examine the employment records of the Square Deal Company, 928 4th. Street, for additional background information regarding GEORGE KOVAL and members of his family. GEORGE KOVAL was employed by the Square Deal Company from 1933-1936.

Will conduct investigations in vicinity of 619 Virginia Street, in an effort to obtain information regarding KOVAL, members of his family and the present location of his brothers, ISIAH and GABRIEL KOVAL. Will determine other members of KOVAL's family, and attempt to ascertain if any other name other than KOVAL was used by GEORGE KOVAL or members of his family.

Will examine death records, naturalization records of parents of GEORGE KOVAL. It is noted in referenced report that parents of KOVAL were reported as being naturalized at Sioux City, Iowa, in 1917, and having died in 1933.

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Will determine the identity of [] (phonetic) [] Sioux City, and if feasible will interview him regarding KOVAL and members of his family.

Will determine the identity of [] Street, Sioux City, Iowa. If not a relative will consider interview for purposes of obtaining background data on KOVAL and his family.

Will exhibit a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL to persons interviewed.

Will attempt to determine through investigations at Sioux City, if GEORGE KOVAL is related to [] Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who have been reported as receiving the daily issues of the "Russky Golos", official organ of the Russian Section of the International Workers Order.

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AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK:

Will locate and interview [] employed by Equitable Life Assurance Society.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] Dated 10/28/54
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)
 FROM : SAC, New York (65-16756)
 SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: DEC 31 1954

Enclosed herewith are six copies of report of SA [REDACTED], 12/21/54, New York.

On the basis of information set out in enclosed report, Bureau authority is requested to contact Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, NYC, and [REDACTED] for all information in their possession concerning subject. It is noted that much of the information contained in the files of the WFO concerning Atlas Trading Corporation was not set out in enclosed report due to the subsequent complete reorganization and change of ownership of company and on that basis there appears to be no reason why the present owners would not cooperate.

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Inquiry among agents handling Yugoslav matters in the WFO suggested in Bulet, 11/19/54, failed to indicate any current or past informants familiar with the personnel or activities of the Atlas Trading Corporation.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Informants advise **GEORGE KOVAL** not known to be currently employed by Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC. [redacted] listed as a witness on subject's passport application, identified as physicist with Norden Laboratories, White Plains, NY, who was formerly a college instructor at CCNY.

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DETAILS:

IDENTIFICATION OF PASSPORT DATA

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., which were reviewed by SA [redacted] on July 27, 1954, and August 2, 1954, reflect that **GEORGE KOVAL** (no middle name shown) was born on December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa, and was issued Passport No. 170092 on March 15, 1948, for proposed travel on business for Atlas Trading Corporation, New York, New York, to France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, and Poland, in approximately March, 1948, for a duration of approximately four to six months. KOVAL'S application for the same passport reflected his address in March, 1948, as 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx 57, New York, and indicated that he was an

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electrical engineer by profession. The identifying witness on this passport application was [redacted] New York 25, New York, who indicated he had known KOVAL for a period of approximately five years and was not KOVAL'S relative.

Further reflected in the files of the Passport Office is correspondence addressed to that office from the Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York 4, New York, dated March 8, 1948. Said correspondence set forth that KOVAL would act as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corporation, an export-import firm, on a commission basis in France, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, and Poland, and also requested the issuance of the necessary passport a d/or other travel documents for KOVAL'S travel to these countries. The correspondence was signed by [redacted] [redacted] Atlas Trading Corporation.

Atlas Trading Corporation
17 Battery Place
New York 4, New York

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on October 19, 1954, that they had no information concerning the subject. With reference to the Atlas Trading Corporation, the informant advised by report dated October 7, 1954, that this concern is engaged in business as exporters of general merchandise from offices in rooms 1340 - 1341 at 17 Battery Place, New York 4, New York. [redacted] with [redacted] and the officers are the directors. The company was incorporated in New York on November 1, 1937 and has a net worth of \$54,535. The controlling interest had been held by the late FRANCISCO PETROVICH, who died May 19, 1951, dividing the capital stock equally between his widow, CONSTANCE, and his son, JOHN.

On April 30, 1952, the stock interest was purchased by [redacted] and manager, [redacted] holds 51 per cent and [redacted] the remaining 49 per cent of the business, whose principal exports consist primarily of shoe leather, artificial leather, and shoe supplies. Their territory is composed of Central and South America, the

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Far East, and the Philippines. The company has three employees and commissioned agents abroad and maintains a bank account at the Marine Midland Trust Company in New York City.

[] advised that [] is married and was born in Yugoslavia in 1919, arriving in the United States in 1945. From 1945 through 1949, he was employed by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, New York City. In February, 1949, he was elected treasurer of Atlas Corporation. In July, 1951, he was elected executive vice-president and manager. However, he did not own any capital stock until his purchase on April 30, 1952.

[] is 40 years of age, married, and born in Germany. While in Europe, he was employed in the leather business in France. He came to the United States in 1947 and was employed by Morris Feldstein and Sons, New York City, until 1951, at which time he was employed by Atlas, acquiring a stock interest and being elected to his present office on April 30, 1952.

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The files of the New York office contain no information believed pertinent concerning the Atlas Corporation, [] or FRANCISCO PETRONOVIC.

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[] of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish information concerning employees of the Atlas Trading Corporation, advised on December 7, 1954 that no one by the name of GEORGE KOVAL was currently working, or had ever worked, at Atlas Trading Corporation to the informant's knowledge. [] advised they had no European representatives in the last six years and none by the name of KOVAL, that the informant was acquainted with.

[] Sheridan Whitehall Corporation, Room 434, 17 Battery Place, advised on December 10, 1954, that the Atlas Trading Corporation obtained a lease for space on upper floors of that building on May 1, 1940, which they held up until 1948. During that year they began to reduce their occupancy of that building, and while still tenants, now occupy only two rooms. [] advised that the company had been operated by a gentleman with the last name of PETRONOVIC, who had extensive holdings in South America and [] who appeared to be a senior officer in the firm. During 1950,

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[redacted] and PETRONOVIC discontinued their association, at which time, [redacted] formed the Petmar Agency, obtaining space on the second floor of that building and departing from the premises in May, 1954. Mr. PETRONOVIC died sometime thereafter, and on or before May, 1951, [redacted] purchased the PETRONOVIC interest and continues now to hold a lease under the Atlas Trading Corporation name, valid until May 31, 1956. [redacted] advised he was not familiar with the name GEORGE KOVAL and had no knowledge of an employee by that name ever working with the Atlas or Petmar companies. He did recall that in 1947, the [redacted] for Atlas was [redacted] who was highly respected in business circles, but who had a son, [redacted] who was also affiliated with Atlas for a short time. [redacted] advised that [redacted] formed a business on his own and occupied some space in that building from October, 1946, to April, 1948, at which time he departed. [redacted] was not regarded with the same high esteem as his father and there was some talk in business circles that he was travelling in rather fast company. [redacted] advised that most of the latter information was heresay and that he had not known [redacted] in his own right.

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[redacted] in reports dated September 10, 1953 and March 31, 1954, advised that he knew of a commercial firm by the name of P. R. Rincones, Jr. engaged in business as exporters of general merchandise with offices at 37-43 Wall Street, New York City. The business was chartered in New York on July 10, 1917, and under the present management since 1944. The officers are [redacted]

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[redacted] was born in Puerto Rico and is reported to hold all the capital stock of the business. The concern confines its activities mainly to exporting general merchandise to Venezuela and to a lesser extent to Puerto Rico. The informant had no information as to how the concern obtained its name, nor of any individual by that name or by the name of GEORGE KOVAL being affiliated with the business.

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[redacted]
The current New York City Telephone Directory contains a single listing for [redacted] giving his residence as [redacted] New York City, Telephone number OR 7-4720.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on December 10, 1954, that [redacted] tenant of the apartment building located at 451 East 14th Street, moved into that building in September, 1951, having previously resided [redacted] for an unknown period and also at [redacted] Street, New York City, for approximately one year. He was born in June, 1923, and is a veteran of the armed forces, serving in the United States Army from February, 1943 to April, 1946. As of 1952, he was employed with the Norden Laboratories, Westmoreland Avenue, White Plains, New York, earning \$5,800 a year. He commenced this employment in 1950, and in June, 1953, the United States Air Force made inquiry concerning his background, inasmuch as he was being considered for a position of trust. Informant advised that [redacted] had married Miss [redacted] 26 years of age, from [redacted] California. Sometime during 1949 or 1950. The informant stated [redacted] indicated she had been in Italy at one time under Fascist rule and spoke with a heavy foreign accent, leading to the impression that she may have spent her earlier life as a citizen of Italy.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on December 15, 1954, that they had no removal address for [redacted] at [redacted] New York City.

[redacted] of the Robert Burns Hotel, 254 West 98th Street, New York City, advised on December 16, 1954, that he took over the property in April, 1953, and there were approximately two prior owners who held the property between 1948 and the period he took possession. He advised his records made no mention of any one by the name of [redacted] and stated that the owner from whom he obtained the property was [redacted] New York City.

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[redacted] New York City, advised on December 16, 1954 that [redacted] had been a tenant of hers for five or six years at [redacted] New York City. At that time he was 23 to 24 years of age, single and employed as an instructor at Columbia University or the College of the City of New York (CCNY). He occupied a basement apartment in violation of the city code and for that reason he was forced to leave her premises. During part of the time he lived at that address he shared the apartment with one [redacted]. He was a veteran of the military service and married a girl by the first name of [redacted] in 1949 or 1950.

[redacted] advised that another government agency had made inquiry about [redacted] a few years earlier and stated he was a fine man, whose loyalty to the United States was above question. She had known his father, who had lived in Boston and stated that [redacted] had a grandmother living on Park Avenue and an adopted brother living somewhere on Long Island. She stated the family enjoyed a fine reputation as respectable citizens.

[redacted] New York City, wrote the New York Office on August 22, 1951, stating he was employed on confidential work at the Norden Laboratories Corporation, White Plains, New York, and wanted to report a casual vacation contact with the daughter of the Economic Editor of Tass and also to inquire whether a former fellow teacher with whom he was friendly was a Communist. He indicated he wished to discontinue the latter association if there was any doubt as to the individual's loyalty. He noted that prior to his employment at Norden Laboratories he had taught at CCNY for approximately five years.

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[redacted] Records Division, Registrar's Office, Columbia University, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on November 3, 1954 that GEORGE KOVAL, born December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa, residing 3470 Cannon Place, New York City, had attended Columbia from February to June 1941, taking one course in Chemistry. He received a Grade B for the course with a stipulation that

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no academic credit was to be allowed. His record disclosed he had previously attended Central High School in Sioux City, Iowa, from 1927 until 1929, from which he received a diploma. He also attended the University of Iowa in Iowa City, from 1937 to 1941, obtaining no degree, being forced to drop out because of financial difficulties. He indicated he was employed as a salesman with the Raven Electric Company, 1911 Broadway, New York City, and listed a friend, [redacted] New York City. The record disclosed he was of the white race and listed his religious preference as Jewish.

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At Omaha, Nebraska

Will report results of investigation outstanding in that office.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will display photos of JACOB BROTHMAN (GROSS) to [redacted] Bronx, New York, for possible identification.

Will, if Bureau authority is granted, contact Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York City, and [redacted] for all available information concerning subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 10/28/54,
New York.

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The current New York City Telephone Directory contains a single listing for [redacted] giving his residence as [redacted] New York City, Telephone number OR 7-4720.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on December 10, 1954, that [redacted] tenant of the apartment building located at [redacted] moved into that building on September 1951, having previously resided at [redacted] for an unknown period and also at apartment 2C, 1 [redacted] New York City, for approximately one year. He was born in June, 1923, and was a veteran of the armed forces, serving in the United States Army from February, 1943 to April, 1946. As of 1952, he was employed with the Worden Laboratories, Westmoreland Avenue, White Plains, New York, earning \$5,800 a year. He commenced this employment in 1950, and in June, 1953, the United States Air Force made inquiry concerning his background, inasmuch as he was being considered for a position of trust. Informant advised that [redacted] had married [redacted]

[redacted] 26 years of age, from [redacted] California, sometime during 1949 or 1950. The informant stated [redacted] indicated she had been in Italy at one time under Fascist rule and spoke with a heavy foreign accent, leading to the impression that she may have spent her earlier life as a citizen of Italy.

The informant noted that the [redacted] had a 1951 Plymouth, bearing a 1952 license plate number 6E7718.
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SAC, New York (65-16756)

January 13, 1955

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Director, FBI (65-62911) - 8

GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re NY memo 12-31-54 and attached report of
SA [redacted] dated 12-31-54.

1. Concerning your request for Bureau authority to contact the Atlas Trading Corporation by which George Koval was reported to have been employed at the time of his departure from the U.S. in 1948, the Bureau is unaware of any regulation or policy necessitating such authority. The results of a review of Bureau file information concerning the Atlas Trading Corporation were forwarded to the New York office by memorandum of 11-19-54. In the event New York files contain no information indicating the inadvisability of such a contact, it would seem a most logical lead, meriting prompt attention. This is particularly true in view of your statement that there appears to be no reason why the current owners would not cooperate.

2. The New York office has also seen fit to seek Bureau authority before interviewing [redacted] who was listed as a witness in Koval's application for a U. S. passport. Again there appears to be no regulation or policy prohibiting the agent handling this matter in the New York office from exercising his initiative in the event information resulting from a review of office files and his preliminary investigation indicates no reason to the contrary.

In this connection your attention is directed to Section (2) of SAO Letter 54-36.

3. In your memorandum of reference you indicate that information in New York files concerning the Atlas Trading Corporation prior to its complete reorganization was not set out in the enclosed report. Inasmuch as according to the enclosed report the Atlas Corporation was reorganized in 1952 whereas Koval was reportedly

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employed by that concern in 1948, this would appear to be a complete misconception as to the pertinence of information to be set forth in an investigative report.

The current character of the Atlas Corporation and its operating personnel is exceedingly important to an administrative determination as to the advisability of making direct inquiry of them. However, the information that should properly be set forth in an investigative report concerning George Koval would be such pertinent portions as might characterize the company at such times as he may have served as an employee.

4. The word "physicist" in line 4 of the synopsis is misspelled.

5. Paragraph 5 on page 3 has little significance unless the informant is further identified as an employee of the Atlas Trading Corporation.

6. The accuracy of a statement appearing in the last paragraph on page 3 to the effect that "the company had been operated by --- [redacted] who appears to be a senior officer in the firm," appears somewhat questionable especially in view of the later statement that he discontinued his association.

7. It is difficult, on the basis of information developed to date, to understand the pertinency to this investigation of information concerning [redacted] even though reportedly "travelling in fast company."

8. The word "at" in line 3 of the second paragraph, page 5, is misspelled. It would appear to be better form to use the words "in" or "during" rather than "on" as used in line 4 of that same paragraph. If living, a person "is a veteran -- having served --" not "was a veteran" as set forth in paragraph 2 of page 5.

9. The fact that "the [redacted] had a 1951 Plymouth, bearing a 1952 New York license plate number GE 7718" is of questionable materiality in this investigation.

10. The last paragraph on page 5 is most confusing, indicating either an error in reporting or a complete

misconception of fact leading to a misdirected and fruitless inquiry. On the basis of information set forth in this investigation it does not appear that George Koval ever lived at [redacted] or even contemplated residence at that address whereas the following paragraph of the report indicates that such was a former address of [redacted]

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You are requested to submit amendments to this report in accordance with the above comments.

This investigation is of considerable importance and there are substantial leads which should be a challenge to interest and initiative.

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Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL
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Rereport SA [redacted] dated 12-31-54
at New York.

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Bureau files contain no information identifiable
with [redacted] other than that which is already
available in the New York office.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)
 FROM : SAC, New York (65-16756)
 SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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DATE: 2/8/55

ReBulet to NY, 1/13/55, and rerep of SA [redacted]
 [redacted] dated 12/31/54, NY.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of amended pages three and five for rereport and enclosed for Omaha are two copies each of the foregoing in accordance with reBulet.

The Bureau and Omaha are requested to substitute the enclosed pages for the originals and destroy the latter. Substitutions have been made at NY.

No administrative action is being recommended.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No birth record for subject located Sioux City, Ia. Other records show subject born 12/25/13, 12/25/14 and 9/25/14. Subject attended Central High School, Sioux City, Ia. 1/4/27 to 6/3/29. Subject arrested SO, Sioux City, Ia., 9/3/31 for leading raid on office of Overseer of the Poor, Sioux City. Released next day. Subject and family resided 619 Virginia St., Sioux City, Ia. until 1932, when entire family reported to have gone back to Russia. Records USDC, Sioux City, Ia. reflect ABRAM KOVAL, father of subject, applied for passport 5/13/32. Subject's parents both born in Russia. Subject, his father, ABRAM KOVAL, and uncle, HARRY GURSHTEL, in the 1920-1930 period advocated return of Russians to the Biro-Bidjan Region in Russia. No employment known Sioux City, Ia. No record or information KOVAL family ever in Sioux City, Ia. after 1932.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUNDBirth Data

On March 7, 1955, Office of the Clerk of the District Court, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa, checked the birth records covering the years 1908 through 1921 for the record of anyone named KOVAL, KOWAL or KAVAL. No record of the birth of subject GEORGE KOVAL was located.

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[redacted] located in Book F, page 138 of births, the record of the birth of LOUIS KAVAL, born January 22, 1912, Sioux City, Iowa. His father was listed as ABE KAVAL, 1214-10th Street, race white, age 30, place of birth RUSSIA, occupation carpenter. His mother was listed as ETHEL SHENISKE, race white, age 28, place of birth Russia. Mrs. KELLER noted that this was a handwritten record and that frequently it is difficult to state with definite certainty whether a letter is an "O" or an "A", however, this name appears to be KAVAL.

[redacted] produced Petition for Naturalization No. 853, dated May 8, 1915, which is a petition for ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, 103 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa. On this Petition for Naturalization are listed the wife and children of ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, among which is the son, GEORGE KOVAL, date of birth listed as December 25, 1914 at Sioux City, Iowa.

[redacted] Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 7, 1955 produced the record for GEORGE KOVAL, which indicated he had been born December 25, 1914, place of birth not listed b7C

On March 7, 1955, [redacted] Registrar's Office, Sioux City Board of Education, Sioux City, Iowa, produced a Master Card for GEORGE KOVAL, which indicated he was born December 25, 1913 at Sioux City, Iowa.

On March 9, 1955, [redacted] Woodbury County, Probation Office, Sioux City, Iowa, produced their record on the KOVAL family, which disclosed the birth of GEORGE KOVAL as September 25, 1914.

Citizenship

On March 7, 1955, [redacted] mentioned above, produced a Declaration of Intention for the naturalization of ABRAM KOVAL. The Declaration of Intention is dated January 24, 1913, filed in the Woodbury County District Court. The information contained thereon reflects ABRAHAM KOVAL, born in Russia, had entered the United States on April 28, 1910. Inasmuch as the naturalization papers indicate the subject's father entered this country in 1910, and inasmuch as the above school records and naturalization records indicate the subject's birth in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1913 or 1914, the subject is an American citizen.

Education

[redacted] mentioned above, on March 7, 1955 produced the record for GEORGE KOVAL at Central High School. This record discloses the subject entered Central High School on January 4, 1927 and was graduated on June 13, 1929. He ranked 22nd in a class of 215 graduates. His average grades were 92.71 per cent. He had been given two intelligence quotient tests, the first one rated at 113 and the second at 131. According to the school record, he had received his junior high school work at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School in Sioux City. [redacted] stated the subject's credits had been transferred to the City College of New York on August 5, 1946.

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Identification Record

[redacted] of the Lewis System, a private investigative agency with excellent records, 701 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 9, 1955 checked their records and located a newspaper clipping on subject GEORGE KOVAL. This newspaper clipping, from the Sioux City Journal and Tribune dated September 4, 1931, is quoted verbatim below:

"A Sioux City law student, George Koval, 619 Virginia Street, was booked for investigation, at the county jail Friday, suspected of inciting a 'raid' on the office of Charles Lebeck, county overseer of the poor.

"Backed by 50 men who twice stormed the overseer's office late Thursday afternoon, Koval told Sheriff Davenport he would 'consider' withdrawing his forces from the office, after the sheriff had told him to stay away.

"Koval identified himself as 'legal counsel' for the Unemployed Council, a communist group with headquarters at 510 Fifth Street,

"The group entered Overseer Lebeck's office and demanded room and lodging for two middleaged women who, Koval said, had been ousted from a local hotel and had no place to go.

"Lebeck said he would take care of the two destitute women but saw no reason why the men should be there to enforce the demands. He then invited the group to leave his office, assuring them he would provide quarters for the women. Koval said they would return.

"When they departed, the overseer called the hotel, he said, and found the women had not been turned out. About an hour later the group returned and Overseer Lebeck called Sheriff Davenport.

"Aside from the demands of the two women, no requests were made for food or lodging the overseer reported. He said Koval and his followers were simply trying to 'make trouble'.

"Koval has been studying law in a Middle West university. He formerly attended Central High School."

Attached to this same card on the subject was a second newspaper clipping, taken from the Sioux City Journal and Tribune of September 6, 1931, which is quoted verbatim below:

"FREED YOUTH TELLS STORY

Asserts He Threatened No One in Office of Poor Overseer

"Another side of the story about the delegation of persons who went to the office of Charles Lebeck, county overseer of the poor Thursday afternoon to seek aid for two destitute women, was related by George Koval, 19 years old, upon his release from the county jail.

"Koval was arrested by Sheriff John Davenport Thursday afternoon and accused of threatening violence in the office of the overseer. He was released Friday evening. Koval's account of the incident follows:

"The committee of 50 filed into Lebeck's Office and demanded immediate aid for two destitute women whom Lebeck had refused to help on Tuesday, sending them to the police station for temporary relief only, when they needed support until they could get work.

"It was not until confronted by a mass delegation from the unemployed council that Mr. Lebeck gave any promises of help. He did not ask for time to investigate these women.

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"Mr. Lebeck insisted that Mrs. Fairman was not a resident of Woodbury County and did not consent to look further into the

matter although later investigation by the committee gave every indication that Mrs. Fairman was a citizen of this county.

"When Lebeck said that it would take some time for him to make arrangements for caring for the women, as spokesman, I asked if there would be any objection to waiting and the overseer did not refuse that request. However, at the further suggestion by the committee that they leave and later return he readily assured them that this would be all right. No one became abusive or uttered threats of violence on leaving or at any other time during the interview.

"Upon its return, the committee was met by Sheriff Davenport and several deputies who drove the crowd from the courthouse and escorted me to Davenport's office, where the sheriff offered to let me go if I would promise to stay away from the courthouse, which I refused to do. I was then locked up and the next morning was taken downstairs and Davenport again offered to release me if I would promise to get out of the unemployed council. I again refused."

Deputy Sheriff JOHN ZECHMAN, Identification Office, Woodbury County Sheriff's Office, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 9, 1955 produced the arrest card for subject GEORGE KOVAL. This indicated the subject's address as 617 Virginia Street, sex male, race white, age 17 (in 1931), height 6', weight 175 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, medium complexion, marital status single, occupation unemployed, nativity Sioux City, Iowa, criminal charge investigation, date of arrest September 3, 1931, committed by Sheriff DAVENPORT, released September 4, 1931. An examination of this card disclosed no additional information. Deputy Sheriff ZECHMAN stated KOVAL was not fingerprinted at that time and former Sheriff DAVENPORT has since died.

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advised he was in the Sheriff's Office in 1931, however, he could not recall the subject or any of the facts incident to his arrest.

* On March 14, 1954, [redacted] Record Room, Sioux City, Iowa, Police Department, advised they had no record of anyone named KOVAL in their card index system, which was started in 1940.

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[redacted] Sioux City, Iowa, Police Department, on March 9, 1955 advised he had been on the police force in 1931 and recalled some trouble at the Overseer of the Poor's office, however, he did not know the subject or recall any of the details in connection with the subject's arrest. He stated he believed the entire matter had been handled by the Sheriff's Office.

[redacted] Department of Social Welfare, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa, advised on March 9, 1955 that Mr. CHARLES LEBECK, former Overseer of the Poor, had died in July, 1954. [redacted] stated they have no record in their files of GEORGE KOVAL or anyone named KOVAL.

Employment

Records of the Manhattan Engineering District, Security File, disclosed that from 1933 to 1936 the subject listed employment at the Square Deal Company, 928-4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

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[redacted] Building Barber Shop, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 10, 1955 advised GEORGE KOVAL was a nephew of HARRY GURSHTEL, former proprietor of the Square Deal Clothing Company, located at 928-4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa. [redacted] advised he was acquainted with the subject and other members of the KOVAL family and he did not know of the subject ever working at the Square Deal Clothing Company and was positive the subject did not work there during the period 1933-1936. b7C

[redacted] home address [redacted] Sioux City, Iowa, on March 10, 1955 advised he is acquainted with the KOVAL family, however, he could not specifically identify the subject GEORGE KOVAL from among the other KOVAL children. Mr. KAPLAN stated the Square Deal Clothing Company is located two doors from the Boston Cleaners and until about 1948 had been operated by HARRY GURSHTEL, an uncle of subject KOVAL. Mr. KAPLAN stated he could not recall the subject ever working at the Square Deal Clothing Company and he definitely knew the subject could not have been employed at this store during the 1933-1936 period.

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March 8, 1955 advised subject KOVAL was a nephew of HARRY GURSHTEL, who formerly operated the Square Deal Clothing Company, 928-4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa. [] informed he had never known subject KOVAL to work at the Square Deal Clothing Store and while it was possible he could have done so while attending high school, he definitely knew the subject was not employed there during the 1933-1936 period.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, on March 8 and March 10, 1955, advised he is acquainted with the KOVAL family and knew the subject to be a nephew of HARRY GURSHTEL, who formerly operated the Square Deal Clothing Company, 928-4th Street, Sioux City. [] stated the subject could have worked part-time at this store while attending high school, however, he knew definitely the subject was not employed at the Square Deal Clothing Company during the period 1933-1936. b2 b7D

On June 18, 1948, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that HARRY GURSHTEL had strong tendencies toward Communism.

On March 8, 1951, [] was again contacted and stated he felt GURSHTEL had been a Communist, particularly due to his interest in Icor, as in his opinion, anyone interested in returning to Russia as advocated by Icor must be a Communist.

In February, 1941, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised HARRY GURSHTEL, 928-4th Street, proprietor of Harry's Square Deal Clothing Store at that address, was a Communist. b7C

On June 21, 1940, [] Sioux City, Iowa, informed SA [] that the individual who operated a clothing establishment at 928-4th Street was disseminating Communist literature. The 1940 Sioux City City Directory listed HARRY GURSHTEL as the proprietor of the clothing store at 928-4th Street.

On December 16, 1940, [] formerly of the Sioux City Sewer Department, advised SA [] that HARRY GURSHTEL, proprietor of Harry's Square Deal Clothing Company, 928-4th Street, was a Communist.

In November, 1941, [] Jewish Community Center, Sioux City, Iowa, informed SA []

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that Icor was an organization which had allegedly been formed for the purpose of aiding and assisting Jewish colonization of the Biro-Bidjan Region of Russia, but had not been in active operation in Sioux City, Iowa for the past five years. She stated she did not have a complete list of the membership of Icor. [redacted] stated several members of the Jewish Community Center had been strongly opposed to the Icor and had refused to permit the use of the Jewish Community Center as a meeting place for this group.

[redacted] produced a letter from the Icor Committee to the Jewish Community Center, written in connection with the refusal to permit the Icor to meet at the Jewish Community Center. One of the three signers of this letter was HARRY GURSHTEL.

The report of the Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, report 1938, pages 228, 229 and 568 relative to Icor, read as follows:

"Icor, with headquarters in New York City 'has as its purpose the colonization and support of Biro-Bidjan', one of the Soviet Socialist Republics within Soviet Russia. It has Communist support and 'in turn supports the Communist Party'. It is listed in the Cash-Receipt record of the Communist Party of Boston for 1937."

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Residences

An examination of the Sioux City, Iowa, City Directories from 1929 through 1955, indicates the listing of "ABR. KOVAL, 619 Virginia" in the 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932 Directories.

On March 9, 1955, [redacted] Woodbury County Auditor's Office, Sioux City, Iowa, advised that 619 Virginia Street is described in the official records as Lot 5, Block 48, Middle Sioux City Addition, and that, according to their records, A. KOVAL acquired this property on December 30, 1922 by warranty deed from GURI HELENE JORGENSEN, Et Al. This deed was filed on March 7, 1923. Mrs. HEITRITTER advised the records reflect that A. KOVAL and ETHEL KOVAL transferred this property to GOLDIE GURSHTEL by warranty deed dated May 27, 1932, however, she pointed out this deed was not filed until September 29, 1936.

[redacted] Office of the Woodbury County Recorder, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 9, 1955 advised the warranty

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deed giving A. KOVAL title to this property is filed in Deed Record Lots No. 167, page 467, and is Docket No. 4139.

[redacted] advised that by warranty deed of May 27, 1932, A. KOVAL and wife, ETHEL, transferred their ownership in this property to GOLDIE GURSHTTEL for \$1.00 and other consideration, with the stipulation that GOLDIE GURSHTTEL was to assume the mortgage of record on this property. This is recorded in Deed Record Lots No. 222, page 135, and is Docket No. 21424.

[redacted] pointed out that although this warranty deed is dated May 27, 1932, it was not filed until 3:00 P.M., September 29, 1936.

[redacted] stated that Docket No. 8097, recorded in Deed Record Lots No. 252, page 372, indicates GOLDIE GURSHTTEL and husband, HARRY GURSHTTEL, gave the warranty deed covering this property to IDA L. SEFF, which warranty deed is dated May 13, 1943. This warranty deed was filed in the Recorder's Office on May 13, 1943.

[redacted] on March 10, 1955, produced records pertaining to the mortgage given by A. KOVAL, which is recorded in Mortgage Records Lots No. 367, page 419. This mortgage was made on September 19, 1931 by A. KOVAL and wife, ETHEL KOVAL, to J. W. GRAY, in the amount of \$3,000, six per cent interest to October 1, 1936. The mortgage was given to J. W. GRAY on Lot 5, Block 48, Middle Sioux City Addition. This mortgage was filed September 21, 1931. b7C

[redacted] advised this mortgage was assigned by J. W. GRAY on September 21, 1931 to ALLISON MORE KIECKHEFER, as reflected in Book 391, page 133.

[redacted] advised that Book 421, page 430, records an agreement for extension of this mortgage between GOLDIE GURSHTTEL and her husband, HARRY, to ALLISON MORE KIECKHEFER, dated September 28, 1936. In the agreement for extension is the statement that the GURSHTTELS are the present owners of the mortgage property and there was still due on the note \$2,800. This was filed October 7, 1936.

[redacted] produced Book 403, page 39, which indicates that on September 5, 1939, ALLISON MORE KIECKHEFER sold this mortgage to SARAH BEGUN of Sioux City, Iowa, for \$2,050.

[redacted] produced Satisfaction Record Lots No. 463, and on page 246 thereof is recorded the satisfaction of the mortgage original-

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given by A. KOVAL. This Satisfaction was filed May 13, 1943 at 4:00 P.M. and recites that SARAH BEGUN of Los Angeles, California, acknowledges that mortgage dated September 19, 1931, made and executed by A. KOVAL and ETHEL KOVAL to J. W. GRAY, assigned to ALLISON MORE KIECKHEFER, is redeemed, paid off, satisfied and discharged in full, dated this 10th day of May, 1943, signed SARAH BEGUN, Notary Public O. L. MONTGOMERY, Eureka, Los Angeles County, California.

It is to be noted from the above that the KOVAL family did not have title to this property subsequent to May 27, 1932. It is noted that the Security File of the Manhattan Engineering District discloses in 1936 the subject was residing at 619 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

[redacted] Registrar's Office, Sioux City Board of Education, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 7, 1955 advised their records indicated GEORGE KOVAL resided at 619½ Virginia Street from the time he entered Armstrong Grade School in September, 1918 until he graduated from high school on June 13, 1929. There were no other addresses shown on his card.

[redacted] mentioned above, on March 10, 1955 advised the KOVAL family had left Sioux City, Iowa, in about 1932 and none of the family had ever returned to Sioux City since that time.

[redacted] mentioned above, on March 10, 1955 stated the KOVAL family had left Sioux City in 1932 or 1933 and none of the KOVAL family had ever returned to Sioux City, Iowa. b7C

[redacted] an attorney, 830 Francis Building, Sioux City, Iowa, residence [redacted] Sioux City, on March 9, 1955 advised the KOVAL family had left Sioux City, Iowa in 1932 and 1933 and neither the subject, nor any other member of the KOVAL family, had ever returned to Sioux City, Iowa.

Miscellaneous

Relatives of GEORGE KOVAL

[redacted] mentioned above, on March 7, 1955 produced the naturalization records for ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, on file in the office of the Clerk of District Court, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa. This is recorded in Book 5, page 153.

Declaration of Intention No. 844, dated January 24, 1913, Woodbury County District Court, indicates ABRAHAM KOVAL, age 30, a laborer, race white, height 5'9", weight 170 pounds, dark brown hair, gray eyes, medium complexion, born January 3, 1883 in Pinsk, Russia, was at the time of this Declaration residing at 1209-10th Street, Sioux City, Iowa. The record indicated he immigrated to the United

States of America from Bremen, Germany on the vessel Hanover. His last foreign address was Telichan, Russia. He denounced allegiance to Nicholas, II, Emperor of the Russians. He arrived at the port of Galveston, Texas, April 29, 1910. This Declaration was filed May 8, 1919 in Woodbury County, Iowa.

The Certificate of Arrival for Naturalization purposes pertaining to KOVAL bore Serial No. 1103 D-844, from the office of Inspector in Charge, Galveston, Texas, March 20, 1919. Name of the alien was listed as KOWAL, ABRAM BERKS, port of entry Galveston, Texas, date of arrival April 28, 1910, vessel Hanover, filed in Woodbury County District Court on May 8, 1919.

The Petition for Naturalization for KOVAL is No. 853 and was filed in Woodbury County District Court on May 8, 1919. The name of the petitioner was ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, address 1013 Virginia Street, occupation carpenter, born January 3, 1883; Pinsk, Russia, immigrated from Bremen, Germany April 10, 1910, arrival Galveston, Texas on April 28, 1910, vessel Hanover, Declaration of Intention January 24, 1913, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa, marital status married, wife ETHEL, wife's birth date August 16, 1890, Telichany, Pinsk, Russia. Three children are listed in this petition, ISIAH KOVAL, born [redacted] at 1013 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa; GEORGE KOVAL, born December 25, 1914 at 1013 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa; GABRIEL KOVAL, born [redacted] at 1013 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa. In this petition ABRAM KOVAL stated he had resided in the United States since April 29, 1910 and had resided in Iowa since May 5, 1910. The signature on this petition is ABRAM BERKO KOVAL.

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Under the section for affidavits of petitioner and witnesses are the two witnesses, ISIDOR MERLIN, occupation salesman, address 1001 Iowa Street, Sioux City, Iowa, and ABRAHAM STILLMAN, occupation jeweler, 718 Iowa Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Both affirmed they had known ABRAM KOVAL since February 1, 1912.

The Oath of Allegiance was signed September 18, 1919 and the signature under this oath is ABRAHAM KOVAL. The Order of Court admitting KOVAL to citizenship is dated September 8, 1919 and lists his name as ABRAM BERKO KOVAL. He was admitted to citizenship by District Court Judge JNO ANDERSON. Certificate of Naturalization No. 1247809 was issued September 4, 1919.

[redacted] mentioned above, on March 7, 1955 produced Birth Record Book F, page 138, which records the birth of one

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LOUIS KAVAL in Sioux City, Iowa on January 22, 1912, the son of ABE KAVAL, 1214-10th Street, mother listed as ETHEL SHENISKE, both parents born in Russia.

On March 8, 1955, [redacted] checked the death records of Woodbury County, Iowa for the period 1912-1915 and advised they had no death record for a LOUIS KAVAL or KOVAL. [redacted] also checked the death records for the period 1930-June, 1935 and did not find any record of anyone named KAVAL or KOVAL as having died in Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa.

On March 7, 1955, [redacted] Registrar's Office, Sioux City Board of Education, produced the permanent scholastic record of ISAAH KOVAL. He was listed as having been born [redacted] in Sioux City, Iowa. His father was listed as ABRAHAM KOVAL, born Russia, occupation carpenter. Birth place of his mother was listed as Russia, however, her name was not listed. He entered the Armstrong Grade School in September, 1917, his address was listed as 619½ Virginia Street, which was the only address listed on this card, which continued until ISAAH KOVAL graduated from Central High School on January 24, 1930.

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[redacted] Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 7, 1955 produced their card on ISAAH KOVAL, which listed his date of birth as [redacted] He entered Central High School in January, 1927 and graduated on January 24, 1930.

[redacted] mentioned above, on March 7, 1955 produced a permanent card retained by the Sioux City Board of Education on GABRIEL KOVAL. This card reflected GABRIEL KOVAL was born [redacted] at Sioux City, Iowa. His father's name was not listed, however, the name ETHEL KOVAL was listed. Place of birth of parent was listed as Russia, occupation of parent carpenter, birth place of mother listed as Russia. According to this card, GABRIEL KOVAL entered Armstrong Grade School in January, 1924 as a kindergarten student. He entered Woodrow Wilson Junior High School in January, 1930 and, according to their records, he was in school until the semester ended in June, 1932, at which time he had completed the first half of the ninth grade. [redacted] stated there is nothing in their files reflecting GABRIEL KOVAL ever re-entered the Sioux City Public Schools, nor was there any notation that his credits or record had been transmitted to any other school. The address listed on the card of GABRIEL KOVAL was 619½ Virginia Street, and also 617½ Virginia Street.

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[redacted] Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 7, 1955 produced their record on GABRIEL KOVAL and it was noted that the information contained on this record is identical to that contained on the permanent record card on file at the Sioux City Board of Education. [redacted] stated there is nothing on this card indicating GABRIEL KOVAL ever returned to Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, nor that information as to his credits had been sent to any other school.

On March 8, 1955, [redacted] Registrar's Office, Sioux City Board of Education, advised she had made a thorough check for a record of LOUIS KOVAL or LOUIS KAVAL, and had been unable to locate any record for anyone by that name.

On March 10, 1955, [redacted] mentioned above, stated the KOVAL family had consisted of the father, ABE KOVAL, his wife and three boys. He stated he did not know of anyone named LOUIS KOVAL, nor did he know of the death of a KOVAL child, however, he stated that if a child had been born in 1912 and had died shortly thereafter, he would not have necessarily known it. b7C

[redacted] advised ABRAM KOVAL, father of the subject, had three sisters formerly living in Sioux City, Iowa. One was GOLDIE GURSHTEL, wife of HARRY GURSHTEL, who formerly operated the Square Deal Clothing Store at 928-4th Street, Sioux City, now residing in Los Angeles, California.

[redacted] stated another sister of ABRAM KOVAL was Mrs. SARAH BEGUN, widow of MORRIS BEGUN, who now resides in Los Angeles, California.

He also stated the third sister of ABRAM KOVAL is Mrs. PEARL SILVER, widow of PAUL SILVER, who formerly operated a grocery store on West 7th Street in Sioux City, Iowa.

[redacted] mentioned above, on March 10, 1955 advised the KOVAL family consisted of ABRAM KOVAL, his wife and two or three boys. He stated he could not recall the names of the KOVAL children, however, he did not know anyone named LOUIS KOVAL or KAVAL and he had not known of the death of any of the KOVAL children. However, he stated if a child of ABRAM KOVAL had died in its infancy in 1912 or thereabouts, he would not have known it. Mr. KAPLAN stated the subject's father had three sisters in Sioux City, Iowa, namely Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL, wife of HARRY GURSHTEL, operator of the Square Deal Clothing Store, presently residing in Los Angeles;

Mrs. PEARL SILVER, widow of PAUL SILVER, who formerly operated a grocery store on West 7th Street, Sioux City, presently residing Los Angeles, California; Mrs. SARAH BEGUN, widow of MORRIS BEGUN, who is presently residing in Los Angeles.

On March 10, 1955, [redacted] mentioned above, produced the naturalization record for GERCHIN GURSHTTEL, which is recorded in Volume 7 on page 11. An examination of the Declaration of Intention reflected same to bear No. 2086, dated Woodbury County District Court, March 11, 1919, filed Woodbury County District Court, April 27, 1921. This reflects the petition of GERCHIN GURSHTTEL, age 33, occupation storekeeper, race white, complexion fair, height 5'9", weight 150 pounds, red hair, gray eyes, born May 1, 1885 at Telechany, Russia. Present residence was listed as [redacted] Sioux City, Iowa. GURSHTTEL immigrated to the United States from Rotterdam, Holland on the vessel New Amsterdam. His last foreign residence was listed as Telechany Russia, marital status married, wife's name GOLDIE, born Russia, present residence Sioux City, Iowa, date of arrival at Port of New York, September 25, 1910.

Certificate of Arrival for naturalization purposes, attached to the Declaration of Intention, issued by the U. S. Department of Labor, dated Ellis Island April 12, 1921, lists the name of alien as GERSHON GUSHTTEL, Port of Entry New York, New York, date of arrival September 26, 1910, vessel Nieuw Amsterdam. This certificate was filed in the Woodbury County District Court on April 27, 1921.

The Petition for Naturalization was filed in Woodbury County District Court, Sioux City, Iowa, No. 1211, on April 27, 1921. Petitioner's name is listed as GERCHIN GURSHTTEL, [redacted] Sioux City, Iowa, occupation storekeeper, born May 1, 1885 at Telechan, Russia, wife GOLDIE, born March 6, 1897, Telechan, Russia. No children are listed on the petition. GURSHTTEL stated he was in America since September 26, 1910 and in Iowa since October 20, 1911.

The affidavit of petitioner and witnesses was dated April 27, 1921 and the witnesses were listed as [redacted] Holping Hand Mission, 920-4th Street, and [redacted] both of whom stated they had known GURSHTTEL since April 1, 1916.

The Oath of Allegiance was signed January 5, 1922, the signature thereon is HARRY GURSHTTEL, underneath is the signature GERCHIN GURSHTTEL. The Order of Court admitting petitioner to citizenship

is dated January 5, 1922 and permission was granted to change the name from GERCHIN GURSHTEL to HARRY GURSHTEL. A notation on the Petition under Memo of Continuances reflected that this matter was continued from September 7, 1921 to January, 1922, reason given "to get war record."

Certificate of Naturalization No. 1247898 was issued to GURSHTEL on February 10, 1922.

On March 14, 1955, [redacted] referred to above, produced Index Book 5, Marriages, page 146, which indicates an application made on January 27, 1922 for the marriage of Miss PEARL KOVAL to SAM GERTZ. Marriage Record No. 43, page 562, records the marriage of SAM GERTZ, age 30, 1418 Omaha, Sioux City, Iowa, to Miss PEARL KOVAL, 1100 Jennings, age 25, affidavit of witness signed by HARRY GURSHTEL, dated January 27, 1922. [redacted] advised the application for the license was made by HARRY GURSHTEL and this couple was married on January 29, 1922 by Rabbi J. KOPSTEIN. [redacted] advised a divorce was granted to Mrs. PEARL GERTZ on April 7, 1925, which is recorded on Book 104, page 167, and is Equity Case 50835. According to the petition, there was one minor child, GRACE GERTZ, 2 years of age, born to this union, custody being given to Mrs. PEARL GERTZ.

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[redacted] produced Index to Marriage No. 6, page 201, which indicates the application of Mrs. PEARL GERTZ and PAUL SILVER, filed February 13, 1930. Marriage record 57, page 428, reflects PAUL SILVER, age 35, of 1701 Ross Street, and Mrs. PEARL GERTZ, age 30, of 2028 Jones Street, had been married February 13, 1930 at Sioux City, Iowa. No clergyman was listed. [redacted] stated the affidavit as to acquaintanceship of the application for marriage certificate was signed by HARRY GURSHTEL, age 39. She further pointed out the application for marriage license was made by HARRY GURSHTEL. She also stated that in the place where the clergyman is to certify as to the marriage, the name HARRY GURSHTEL is also inserted. She stated it was common practice 25 years ago for Jewish Rabbis not to file marriage licenses, consequently, it appeared HARRY GURSHTEL had been permitted to fill out this information by the Clerk of the District Court. She advised that this Certificate of Marriage had not been filed until May 12, 1939.

An examination of the Register of Marriage Returns, Book M, page 254, furnished background information as to PEARL GERTZ. Her maiden name was listed as KOVAL, age 30 next birthday, race white,

second marriage, address 2028 Jones, place of birth, Telechan, Poland, father IZAAK KOVAL, mother GRACE WIEDEMANN. Information on this marriage return reflected PAUL SILVER's address to be 1701 Ross Street, age 35 next birthday, first marriage, occupation clerk, Davidson's Brothers Company, place of birth Liban, Latvia, father ABRAHAM SILVER, mother SARAH YODELSON.

On May 3, 1942, Mr. WILFORD S. TRIGGS, 1503 Rock, Sioux City, Iowa, advised SA [redacted] one SILVER, who operates a grocery store on West 7th Street in Sioux City, was either a Communist or a fellow traveller. Mr. TRIGGS is now deceased.

On June 18, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] stated PAUL SILVER and HARRY GURSHTEL had married sisters, and that PAUL SILVER gave up his Jewish religion, as did GURSHTEL, and SILVER had the same strong tendencies towards Communism as GURSHTEL.

On November 20, 1951, JOHN W. ZECHMAN, Deputy Sheriff in charge of Identification Bureau, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa, Sheriff's Office, advised SA [redacted] that PAUL SILVER, Sheriff's Office No. 2601, occupation clerk, age 40, born Latvia, residence 619 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa, was among a group of individuals arrested by the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office on September 27, 1933 for the offense of advocating criminal syndicalism. Mr. ZECHMAN advised he was in the Sheriff's Office and had taken part in a raid on a home located at 522 Wall Street, Sioux City, Iowa, at which time PAUL SILVER and others were holding a Communist Party meeting. He stated that a vast amount of Communist Party literature and pamphlets were seized on the occasion of this raid, however, they were subsequently destroyed and he was unable to describe the articles seized. Mr. ZECHMAN advised the charges against SILVER and the others arrested were dismissed on October 16, 1935.

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On June 18, 1948, SA [redacted] checked the records of the Sioux City, Iowa, Credit Bureau relative to PAUL SILVER, which files reflected PAUL SILVER had died at the age of 44 in May, 1944, that he had operated a grocery store at 800 West 7th Street, Sioux City, and had lived at 613-2nd Street, Sioux City. He married Mrs. PEARL GERTZ in 1930. This couple had twin sons, EUGENE and ELY SILVER, born about 1932.

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On June 18, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised Mrs. PEARL SILVER was moving to California and

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had already shipped her furniture, that one of her sons had already gone and she expected to leave Sioux City on June 25, 1948. Her new address was to be 1209 Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

The address of ABRAM KOVAL, father of subject KOVAL, is listed in the 1929 through 1932 City Directories as 619 Virginia Street. The address of subject KOVAL, as reflected in the records of the Sioux City Board of Education, furnished by [REDACTED] on March 7, 1955, reflects the subject's address as 619½ Virginia Street.

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The only other KOVAL listed in the City Directories from 1929-1954 was the listing of PEARL KOVAL in the 1930 Directory. Her residence address was 2028 Jones Street.

The address of HARRY GURSHTTEL in the 1929 through 1933 City Directories was 2028 Jones Street. The listing for HARRY GURSHTTEL from 1934-1940 was 619 Virginia Street, the former residence of subject KOVAL. The address for GURSHTTEL in the 1941-1947 City Directories was listed as 2130 Kennedy Drive. There was no listing for GURSHTTEL in the 1948-1954 Directories.

The Sioux City City Directory for the year 1930 lists PEARL KOVAL at 2028 Jones Street; the 1931-1933 Directories lists PAUL SILVER, wife PEARL, at 2028 Jones Street. The 1934 City Directory lists PAUL and PEARL SILVER residing at 619 Virginia Street. The 1937 Directory lists PEARL and PAUL SILVER at 617 Omaha, Sioux City. The 1945 Directory listed PEARL SILVER, widow, residing at 613 Center Street. The last directory containing a listing of PEARL SILVER was in 1948. There was no 1949 Directory published.

The 1932 City Directory carried a listing of MORRIS BEGUN, wife SARAH L., residence 1116-14th Street, occupation of MORRIS BEGUN listed as Begun-Maisel Clothing, 311-4th Street. The 1932 City Directory also listed ESTHER BEGUN, occupation student, and EDITH BEGUN, occupation student, residence 1116-14th Street.

The 1933 City Directory lists SARAH BEGUN, widow of MORRIS BEGUN, and also EDITH BEGUN, at 1116-14th Street. The 1934 City Directory listed SARAH BEGUN at 619½ Virginia Street, which in 1934 was listed as the residence of HARRY GURSHTTEL. The 1938-1943 Directories listed SARAH BEGUN at 866-15th Street. This was the last listing of SARAH BEGUN in the Sioux City City Directories.

Acquaintances of subject

On March 7 and 8, 1955, [] referred to above, advised he had attended Central High School with GEORGE KOVAL. He stated the subject's father had been a carpenter, who was in rather poor financial circumstances. The subject had an uncle, HARRY GURSHTEL, who operated the Square Deal Clothing Store. Mr. [] stated the subject, his entire family and the HARRY GURSHTEL family did not mix with the Jewish people in this community inasmuch as they did not attend the synagogue and did not frequent Jewish social events. [] stated the subject had finished high school, had gone to the University and in about 1932 or 1933 the subject and the entire KOVAL family had returned to Russia. Mr. [] stated he definitely recalled while he and the subject were attending high school, subject KOVAL would frequently talk about Russia claiming that there was a Utopia in Russia as far as the Jews were concerned, that he and his family were eventually going back to Russia, that they would get a quantity of land given to them and they would start a new way of life. [] stated KOVAL was very emphatic in his statements as to Russia, the advantages over the United States as far as the poor person was concerned, and felt that the subject was thoroughly imbued with a love for Russia. [] stated he is positive the subject and the entire family went to Russia, as it was common talk among people in the KOVAL neighborhood. He was likewise positive that neither the subject, nor any member of his family, had ever returned to Sioux City, Iowa. [] identified the photograph of the subject taken in 1948 as a very close resemblance to his recollection of the subject.

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Confidential Informant [] on March 8 and 10, 1955, advised he recalled the KOVAL family resided in Sioux City, Iowa over twenty years ago. He stated ABRAM KOVAL, father of the subject, was the brother of GOLDIE GURSHTEL, whose husband formerly operated Square Deal Clothing Store in Sioux City. [] stated the KOVAL family did not mix with the Jewish community, they did not attend the synagogue, nor attend Jewish social functions. He stated the subject's father, ABRAM KOVAL, and subject's uncle, HARRY GURSHTEL, had strongly advocated return to Biro-Bidjan and, in his opinion, anyone who advocated the return to Biro-Bidjan in Russia was a Communist. [] stated the entire KOVAL family returned to Russia in about 1932 or 1933 and no one in this family had ever returned to Sioux City, Iowa, since that time.

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[redacted] mentioned above, on March 9, 1955 advised he had attended Central High School with subject KOVAL and know subject quite well, however, he had never known the subject's parents. [redacted] stated, after finishing high school the subject had gone to the University of Iowa for the purpose of taking up engineering and he had told him the reason he was taking engineering was to prepare himself for a job in Russia. [redacted] stated he has a definite recollection while attending high school the subject had praised Russia and what it was doing for the common man and how hard it was for the common man in the United States. [redacted] stated he definitely recalled the subject telling him that he and his family were going back to Russia and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the subject and the entire KOVAL family left Sioux City, Iowa, in 1932 or 1933 and have never returned to Sioux City, Iowa, nor has he ever heard of this family ever returning to the United States.

[redacted] upon viewing the photograph of the subject, taken in 1948, stated it is a good likeness of his recollection of the subject.

On March 10, 1955, [redacted] mentioned above, stated he had been well acquainted with the subject and the entire KOVAL family. He advised the subject's father was a carpenter and the subject had two brothers, one older and one younger. [redacted] advised the subject had finished Central High School and gone to the University of Iowa to take engineering. He stated he did not recall the subject ever working in Sioux City, Iowa, and in about 1932 the subject and the entire family returned to Russia.

[redacted] advised the subject's father and subject's uncle, HARRY GURSHTEL, had been very active in a committee for the resettlement of the Jewish people in the Biro-Bidjan Region in Russia. He advised both the subject's father and the subject's uncle distributed pamphlets relative to Biro-Bidjan and did considerable talking relative to the benefits of the Biro-Bidjan area and the benefits of returning to Russia. [redacted] stated he had not approved of the Biro-Bidjan program, consequently, he had not encouraged either the subject's father or uncle in this matter, and therefore he did not have very much detail on this matter.

[redacted] stated that after the KOVAL family returned to Russia, in 1932, no one has ever seen the subject or any other member of this family in Sioux City, Iowa. He stated that in conversations with HARRY GURSHTEL he had learned that GURSHTEL had heard from the

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KOVAL family and that they had advised GURSHTEL the boys had been sent to school by the government, and to the best of his knowledge and belief, it was an engineering school in Moscow.

[redacted] stated his recollection was that immediately after the KOVAL family had returned to Russia, GURSHTEL spoke quite highly of the KOVALs and their situation in Russia, however, as time went by he stopped talking about them. He stated GURSHTEL had never at any time made any mention about the subject or any member of the family returning to this country.

[redacted] stated the three sisters of the subject's father, Mrs. SARAH BEGUN, Mrs. PEARL SILVER and Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL, together with HARRY GURSHTEL, all reside in Los Angeles, California. He stated HARRY GURSHTEL is very well to do and is reported to be operating a parking lot in downtown Los Angeles. [redacted] upon viewing the photograph of the subject taken in 1948, advised there is a strong family resemblance in this photograph, however, he could not identify it as the subject.

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Cleaners, [redacted] Sioux City, Iowa, on March 10 and 11, 1955 advised they had been in their present location since 1920. They advised HARRY GURSHTEL operated a clothing store two doors east for many years, until about 1948. They advised they could not definitely recall the subject, however, they were acquainted with the ABRAM KOVAL family, ABRAM KOVAL being a brother of GOLDIE GURSHTEL. They advised that KOVAL was a carpenter who lived at 6th and Virginia Streets and in about 1932 or 1933 the entire KOVAL family, consisting of ABRAM KOVAL, his wife, ETHEL, and children returned to the Biro-Bidjan colony in Russia. They stated none of the KOVALs had ever been back in Sioux City since that time. Mr. KAPLAN stated that at first when the KOVALs had returned to Russia, HARRY GURSHTEL would remark that he had heard from the KOVALs and they liked it in Russia, however, as time went by he no longer talked about the KOVALs and no one else has talked to him about the KOVAL family.

Mr. KAPLAN stated HARRY GURSHTEL and ABRAM KOVAL had been active in the Icor, which advocated return to Biro-Bidjan, Russia. He stated in about 1934, HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL made a trip to Russia and when they came back, they talked about how good things were in Russia, however, GURSHTEL did not say where in Russia he had been, nor did he say he had seen the KOVAL family. Mr. and Mrs.

[] were exhibited the photograph of the subject, however, they were unable to identify it, stating that they had not known the subject well enough at the time he left Sioux City to identify the photograph.

On March 10, 1955, [] an attorney with offices at [] Sioux City, Iowa, advised he did not know subject KOVAL, nor could he recall anyone named KOVAL formerly residing in Sioux City, Iowa. [] stated he would contact an old man presently in the hospital with a heart attack who would undoubtedly know the KOVAL family, however, he pointed out that the sick man could not have other visitors.

On March 11, 1955, [] advised he had talked to Mr. I. SINGER, age 70, presently confined in the Methodist Hospital with a heart attack. He stated Mr. SINGER had informed him ABRAM KOVAL was a brother-in-law of HARRY GURSHTEL; that the entire KOVAL family had returned to the Biro-Bidjan Region of Russia over twenty years ago. He stated ABRAM KOVAL had one son, whose name he could not recall, who had attended the University of Iowa and who was an "out and out Communist who spoke on the street corners." b7C Mr. SINGER further advised [] that none of the KOVAL family had ever been known to return to this country and they had never been seen in Sioux City since they left.

[] stated he still could not place the KOVAL family, however, he had been President of the Jewish Community Center in the 1930's and recalled the difficulty they had had relative to the Icor organization headed by HARRY GURSHTEL, which organization advocated the return to Russia.

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120 O Street, home address [] Sioux City, Iowa, informed on March 11, 1955 that he had known subject KOVAL's father but could not recall the subject. [] stated the subject's father was a brother of Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL, that ABRAM KOVAL and HARRY GURSHTEL had advocated and circulated literature for Biro-Bidjan, a resettlement project in Russia. He stated the entire KOVAL family, consisting of ABRAM KOVAL, his wife and sons, had returned to Russia in the early 1930's and he had never heard from or about the KOVAL family since that time.

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and Court Streets, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 11, 1955 advised

he could not recall the subject or the KOVAL family. He stated he could contact his uncle, who is seriously ill and not expected to live, as his uncle would probably recall the KOVAL family. Mr. [redacted] contacted his uncle, JACOB SHINDLER, who informed Mr. [redacted] the KOVAL family had left Sioux City in the early 1930's and had gone to Russia to resettle in the Biro-Bidjan area. Mr. [redacted] stated, according to his uncle, no one has ever heard from the KOVAL family since that time and there were rumors that the KOVALs had been killed. However, this was a generalized rumor pertaining to all people who had returned to Russia and was not a specific statement as to the KOVAL family, according to Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] of the Kaplan Wholesale Grocery Company, 11th and Wall Streets, home address [redacted] Sioux City, Iowa, on March 11, 1955 advised he recalls a GEORGE KOVAL in his graduating class from high school, however, he could no longer recall anything about him. He stated the photograph of GEORGE KOVAL, taken in 1948, is slightly familiar, however, he could not positively identify the subject. He further stated he could not recall anything about the subject or his family.

[redacted] Lipman's Variety Store, 822 West 7th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 11, 1955 advised he could not recognize photograph of the subject, nor could he recall the name of KOVAL, who apparently graduated in his same class at Central High School. b7C

[redacted] Wincharger Corporation, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 11, 1955 advised he could not recognize the photograph of the subject, nor could he recognize the name of KOVAL as one who had been in his graduating class at Central High School.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] employed by the Iowa-Illinois Electric Company, Davenport, Iowa, and who resides at [redacted] was interviewed on February 14, 1955. [redacted] advised he attended the State University of Iowa from the fall of 1930 until the spring of 1935 when he was graduated with a Master of Science Degree. He stated he was in the College of Electrical Engineering and had a wide acquaintance among his classmates and fellow students at the time. He stated, however, that the name of

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the subject is entirely unfamiliar to him and that the possibility exists that he might have known him casually but that any acquaintance he might have had with the subject would have been very casual indeed, in view of the fact that he is not now even able to recall the subject's name.

[redacted] further advised there is another employee of this same company named [redacted] who attended the State University of Iowa and who is at this time an Engineering Superintendent for the above company. He contacted [redacted] however, he was advised that [redacted] had never heard of anyone by the name of the subject, to the best of his recollection.

[redacted] Stanley Engineering Company, who resides at [redacted] advised that he matriculated at the State University of Iowa in the fall of 1930 and was graduated from the College of Electrical Engineering in the spring of 1934 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He stated that the name "GEORGE KOVAL" is very faintly and vaguely familiar to him and he associates this name with an individual whom he probably knew only by sight while attending the State University of Iowa. He said, however, that he never knew KOVAL personally and could definitely state that he was never in a position to have acquired any information concerning him.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, USA, at and in the vicinity of Muscatine, Iowa, advised that the name of the subject is entirely unfamiliar to him.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On December 23, 1954, [redacted] Iowa Power and Light Company, Des Moines, Iowa, advised he recalled one of his classmates named KOVAL but could not recall his first name or any information of value regarding him. He stated he did not associate with KOVAL, except as a classmate, and could furnish no information regarding his background.

On December 23, 1954, [redacted] Keith Electric Company, 1213 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa, advised he recalled the subject as GEORGE KOVAL, but knew nothing regarding his background. He stated as he recalled, the subject roomed at the Quadrangle, student quarters, but he had no association with him. He advised he did not think the subject was graduated. He advised he had

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never had anything to do with the subject except to discuss engineering matters with him during their attendance at the college. He advised he knew of no other names used by the subject, nor did he know of any brothers or other background on him.

[redacted] stated he recalled that when he returned to the University of Iowa in the fall of 1933, someone had written him and stated that KOVAL had returned to Russia with his parents. He stated he knew nothing other than this regarding the rumor of his returning to Russia. He stated he could not recall who had written him this information.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised he had never heard of the subject being associated with any members of the Communist Party, USA in Des Moines, Iowa. b2 b7D

The following was conducted by SA [redacted]

Passport Applications

[redacted] U. S. District Court, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 8, 1955 produced Cashbook Record covering the period March 23, 1929 through April, 1935. A cash receipt entry under date of May 13, 1932 reflects Passport Application made by ABRAM KOVAL. [redacted] advised it was necessary to list all the members of the KOVAL family in a Passport Application. b7C

On March 11, 1955 [redacted] produced the Cashbook Record covering the period from May, 1935 through March 31, 1944, and on page 18 of this book, under date of April 7, 1936, was an Application for a Passport by HARRY GURSHTEL.

The Cashbook Records were checked from 1929 to 1940 for the following names, without locating any Passport Application:

ETHEL SHENISKE
PAUL or PEARL SILVER
SARAH or MORRIS BEGUN.

[redacted] Sioux City Credit Bureau, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 14, 1955 advised they have no record for anyone named KOVAL in their file. She advised inactive cards are destroyed every five years.

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[REDACTED] Credit Department, Iowa Public Service Company, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 10, 1955 advised they do not have any customer by the name of KOVAL. He advised their records do not extend back to 1932.

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The following description of the subject was obtained from the files of the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office, which description was taken on September 3, 1931:

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Address	617 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	17 (in 1931)
Height	6'
Weight	175
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Unemployed
Nativity	Sioux City, Iowa.

The following names of relatives were obtained from records set out in this report, and from various persons interviewed:

Father; ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, address unknown;
Mother; ETHEL SHENISKE KOVAL, address unknown;
Brother; ISALIAH KOVAL, address unknown;
Brother; GABRIEL KOVAL, address unknown;
Aunts, Mrs. PAUL (PEARL) SILVER, 1209 Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles, California; Mrs. MORRIS (SARAH) BEGUN, Los Angeles, California; Mrs. HARRY (GOLDIE) GURSHTEL, 630 North Orlando Avenue, West Hollywood, 36, California;
Uncle; HARRY GURSHTEL, 630 North Orlando Avenue, West Hollywood, California;
Cousins, EUGENE SILVER, Los Angeles, California; ELI SILVER, Los Angeles, California.

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[REDACTED]	Background of GEORGE KOVAL	3/8 and 10/55	[REDACTED] (orally)	Instant report
	Characterization of HARRY GURSHTel	6/18/48	[REDACTED] (orally)	100-4130W-29
	Characterization of HARRY GURSHTel	3/8/55	[REDACTED] (orally)	Instant report
	Background of subject's family	3/10/55	[REDACTED] (Orally)	Instant report
	Characterization of PAUL SILVER	6/18/48	[REDACTED] (orally)	100-4130W-29 b2 b7D
	Characterization of PAUL SILVER	3/10/55	[REDACTED] (orally)	Instant report
[REDACTED]	Characterization of HARRY GURSHTel	2/41	[REDACTED] (orally)	100-520-1
	Information re Mrs. PAUL SILVER	6/18/48	[REDACTED] (orally)	100-4130W-29
	Re GEORGE KOVAL	2/16/55	[REDACTED] (orally)	Instant report
	Re GEORGE KOVAL	12/23/54	[REDACTED] (orally)	[REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will check the indices for the names of HARRY GURSHTel, GOLDIE GURSHTel, PEARL SILVER, ELI SILVER, EUGENE SILVER, SARAH BEGUN and advise the New York Office of the results of this search.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

If not already covered, will review records of Local Board 126 Bronx, New York, to determine if the subject gave any reason for not registering on October 16, 1940, and his location on that date.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will check files of the Passport Office, Department of State, for information as to the trip to Russia of ABRAM KOVAL and his family. It will be noted the application for the Passport was made in the office of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, Sioux City, Iowa, on May 13, 1932.

Will determine if all members of the KOVAL family are listed as making this trip. Will determine if there are records available to indicate whether or not ABRAM KOVAL, subject, or other members of the KOVAL family ever came back to this country. In this connection, it is noted that subject GEORGE KOVAL registered for Selective Service with Local Board 26, Bronx, New York, on January 22, 1941, whereas the normal date for registering of subject would have been October 16, 1940.

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated
10/28/54, New York.
Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/23/54, Omaha.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 3/30/55

FROM : SAC, New York (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - REnclosed herewith are six copies of the report of
SA [redacted] NY, 3/30/55.

The Bureau is requested to arrange with appropriate agency, if possible, for the interview of [redacted] in Caracas, Venezuela, for all information in his possession concerning the subject. Specific effort should be made to ascertain the nature of KOVAL'S affiliation with the Atlas Trading Corporation, and the details surrounding [redacted] letter to the State Department in support of the subject's passport application.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R b7C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject reportedly employed Medical Salvage Co., NYC, from November, 1946 through February, 1947, while attending school.

of Atlas Trading Corp., NYC, all advised they had no knowledge of the subject having been employed by Atlas. advised he understood the subject was to perform electrical work in Poland and last heard from him by post card from Paris in 1948. b7C

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DETAILS: The records of the Veterans Administration, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, reviewed on March 25, 1954, revealed that GEORGE KOVAL had been employed by the Medical Salvage Company, 217 East 23rd Street, New York, New York, from February to March, 1947.

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[redacted]
[redacted] of the Medical Salvage Company, Incorporated, 217 East 23rd Street, New York, New York, advised on February 10, 1954 that they could identify the photograph of GEORGE KOVAL as being a part time employee who worked with their concern from November of 1946 through February 14, 1947. Their records listed his name as GEORGE KOVAL, Social Security Number 052-18-0975, single and residing at 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York. He was attending some unknown school.

Both [redacted] described subject as a very quiet individual, whom they could just barely recall, and stated he left that establishment for another job which afforded him better hours for his schooling.

[redacted] believed that they hired subject through a contact he had at the Veterans Administration, who recommended likely students for part time work. He could recall no information concerning the subject's political sympathies nor did he know any further employment or background information concerning him. b7C

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., reviewed by SA [redacted] on July 27 and August 2, 1954, disclosed that in connection with Passport Number 170092, issued to the subject on March 15, 1948, KOVAL listed [redacted], New York, New York, as a witness.

The files also contained a letter dated March 8, 1948, from the Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York, signed by [redacted] which stated KOVAL would act as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corporation, an export-import firm, on a commission basis in France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Poland, and requested the issuance of the necessary documents for KOVAL'S travel to these countries.

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[redacted] Atlas Trading Corporation, Room 1341, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York, advised on February 10, 1955 that he has been employed by the above concern since 1951, and had never known anyone by the name of GEORGE KOVAL as having been employed by that concern. He advised that the subject's photograph was totally unfamiliar to him and he permitted a review of payroll records for the entire year of 1948 which did not disclose any employment record of the subject.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] departed from the Atlas Trading Company in approximately 1949 selling out his interest in that year.

The company was originally established by Mr. RINCONES in 1937, and this individual is currently residing in South America and is a member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Venezuela. The record for [redacted] indicated that [redacted] resided at Post Office Box [redacted] telephone number 9-7327, and possible business address Edif. Coma III er Piso, Ibarra A. Pelote.

[redacted] added that the only other possible contact KOVAL could have had with Atlas, not reflected in the above files, would have been as a commission agent and not as a direct representative. The only manner whereby this activity could be confirmed would be through a review of Atlas correspondence for the years 1948 and 1949, and such correspondence is not presently available.

[redacted] an employee of Atlas Trading Company since 1947, was interviewed on February 10, 1955 and furnished substantially similar information to that obtained from [redacted] and added that he also was unable to identify subject by name or photograph. He had no knowledge of European representatives, either as commission agents or otherwise, having been engaged by the Atlas Company during 1948 and 1949.

[redacted] of Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York, advised on February 24, 1955 that he had been employed by the Atlas Trading

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Corporation since April, 1947 and could not identify the subject by name or photograph as ever having been employed by that concern. He stated Atlas never had any business connections in Europe with the possible exception of minor dealings with England, nor did they ever try to develop any inasmuch as their activities were confined primarily to South America.

[redacted] observed that [redacted] may have possibly used official stationery for correspondence in connection with KOVAL, but seriously doubted that KOVAL ever had any actual affiliation with Atlas.

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[redacted] New York, New York, advised on February 23, 1955 that he first met subject in the period from September, 1943 to June, 1944, when they were assigned to Army Specialized Training Program at the City College of New York. He renewed his acquaintance with subject in the Fall of 1946, when he [redacted] began a teaching position at City College and KOVAL returned to obtain an electrical engineering degree. He had a casual social relationship with the subject from this period up until the Spring of 1948, when the subject obtained a job in Europe, and he last heard from him by post card from Paris a month or two after KOVAL'S departure from the United States. He recalled that KOVAL had encountered some difficulty in obtaining his passport, due to the lack of birth statistics, but finally obtained same by wiring some place, possibly in Denver, for the proper records.

[redacted] stated that he, himself, had an acquaintance in a travel agency and had imposed on her to use what influence she could to expedite KOVAL'S passport application, inasmuch as KOVAL had a reservation on the SS AMERICA some time in March, 1948, which he did not want to lose. The acquaintance was unable to render any assistance.

[redacted] stated it was his impression the subject planned to engage in electrical work, in connection with the construction of some type of power firm in Poland by a United States concern.

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He explained that he was never intimately acquainted with KOVAL, in that the latter was somewhat older than himself and the other group of individuals who were taking this Army Training Program together and, consequently, while they maintained a friendly relationship, he never obtained complete background details concerning KOVAL.

He stated that he recalled hearing that KOVAL had been assigned at Oak Ridge after leaving the College of the City of New York originally, and stated that he was very popular among the servicemen and also the students on his return.

As an indication of his popularity, he was elected either president of his class or a member of an honorary fraternity.

Being somewhat older, KOVAL exercised a moderating influence in virtually all forms of discussion, including those political, and there was never any question as to KOVAL's loyalty towards the United States Government.

During the period [redacted] know him, he resided at 2004 Valentine Avenue in the Bronx. Just prior to his departure from the United States KOVAL had been dating [redacted] New York City, who later moved to [redacted] Los Angeles 33, California. [redacted] advised that he did not believe the subject corresponded with her to any extent, as he recalled several contacts from her asking him whether he had any word from the subject.

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[redacted] advised the subject was also socially acquainted with [redacted] formerly residing at [redacted] New York, New York, and was also friendly with [redacted] currently employed at the Republic Aircraft Company and residing at [redacted] Baldwin, New York, telephone number BX 3-9037. [redacted] according to [redacted] was in KOVAL'S Army Specialized Training Program class at the College of the City of New York, and may be aware of additional class members with whom KOVAL would be in contact with.

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[redacted] advised that, in the event he received any additional information concerning the subject's whereabouts or activities, he would notify the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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The files of the New York Office contained no pertinent information which could be identified with [redacted]
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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

LEADS

OMAHA

At Omaha, Nebraska

Will report the results of the investigation outstanding in your office.

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

Will interview [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles 33, California, for all available information regarding subject.

Will specifically attempt to ascertain all background, activities, and associates of subject she is familiar with, as many details surrounding his alleged employment with the Atlas Trading Corporation as possible, the reasons for his travel to Europe in 1948, and the last whereabouts and address she has for subject.

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For the information of the Los Angeles Office, instant investigation is based on the fact that KOVAL was employed [redacted] at the Raven Electric Company from 1939 to 1943, entered the United States Army and was assigned to the Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, with access to highly classified material. [redacted]

[redacted] is chief [redacted] - Los Angeles file 65-4536.) KOVAL'S whereabouts and activities since 1948 are presently unknown.

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LEADS (CONTINUED)

NEW YORK

At Baldwin, New York

Will interview [redacted] for
(all available information in his possession concerning the
subject.

At New York, New York

Will attempt to locate and interview
[redacted] for all
information in their possession concerning the subject.

REFERENCES Reports of SA [redacted] NY, 10/28/54
and 12/31/54.

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Tickler: Mr. Sam Papich

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To: Director (orig and 1)

Central Intelligence Agency

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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
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Transmitted herewith is a single copy of the
report of [redacted] dated 3-30-55 at New York.

Your attention is directed specifically to
information beginning in the last paragraph on page 2 of
the attached report concerning [redacted]
[redacted] of the Atlas Trading Corporation, who is reported
to currently maintain a mailing address in Caracas, Venezuela.

Investigation to date in this matter, results of
which have been made available to you, indicates a strong
possibility that George Koval was involved in Soviet intelli-
gence operations from 1941 until the time of his sudden
departure from the United States in 1948. From records of
the Passport Office, Department of State, it would appear
that [redacted] was instrumental in assisting Koval in obtaining
the necessary travel documents even though it was apparently
unusual for the Atlas Trading Corporation to have a repre-
sentative in Europe.

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of any person or persons who may have introduced or recommended Koval, the nature of Koval's employment as a commission representative of the company, and, of course, any information which might assist in determining Koval's present whereabouts.

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**GEORGE KOVAL
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Re report of SA [Redacted] dated 3/23/55 at Omaha, Nebraska. From information developed to date in this investigation it appears quite possible that George Koval accompanied other members of his family to Russia in 1932 where he was recruited into the Soviet Intelligence Service, trained and dispatched to the U. S. in the latter part of 1940 or very early part of 1941. It is of extreme importance to determine (1) when and how he re-entered the U. S. and (2) the exact circumstances surrounding his assignment to the project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Every attempt should be made to determine his possible re-entry into the U. S. subsequent to his departure in 1948.

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It is also suggested that the Omaha office check high school and university yearbooks for additional photographs of Koval and that the Los Angeles office conduct such investigation as will enable a determination as to the advisability of interviewing relatives of Koval presently living in that area.

The New York office should give this investigation continuous and aggressive attention and should

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Forward to Bureau two copies of photograph
of George Koval.

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GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re report of SA [redacted] dated
3-23-55 at Omaha.

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Bureau files contain no information which
can be identified with the following:

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cc - 1 - Omaha (65-6097) (Information)

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: ^{NY 4/14/55} BUREAU

GEORGE KOVAL, ESPIONAGE - R. REBULET 4/11/55. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BRONX, NY, *Brannigan*

ADVISED ON 3/14/55 THAT WHILE THE PHOTO OF JACOB BROCHES ARONOFF RESEMBLED THE VISITOR TO KOVAL IN THAT BOTH WORE A GOATEE, SHE WAS NOT SURE IN HER MIND AND REQUESTED ADDITIONAL TIME TO CONSIDER THE MATTER. [REDACTED] WAS RECONTACTED 4/6/55 AND ADVISED SHE NOW FELT THAT TO THE BEST OF HER RECOLLECTION THE VISITOR TO KOVAL WAS NOT IDENTICAL TO THE PHOTO OF ARONOFF IN THAT THE VISITOR WAS POSSIBLY SLIGHTLY OLDER AND HAD A THINNER FACE THAN THE ONE IN THE PHOTO. SHE REITERATED SHE HAD SEEN THE VISITOR ON ONLY ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS FOR A SHORT PERIOD AND THEREFORE STATED ANY POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR HER TO MAKE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 5/3/55

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re: SA [redacted] dated 3/23/55 at Omaha, report of
SA [redacted] at New York, 3/30/55 and Bulet to New York 4/7/55.

A review of the files of the Los Angeles office fail to reflect any information which could be identified with ELI SILVER or EUGENE SILVER who are reported to be cousins of subject.

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The Los Angeles files reflect the following information regarding HENRY GURSHTEL, uncle, GOLDIE GURSHTEL, PEARL SILVER and SARAH BEGUN who are reported to be subject's aunts.

HARRY GURSHTEL

On 3/2/51 [redacted] furnished SA [redacted] and SE [redacted] approximately 700 addressed wrappers used in mailing the "Worker" and the "Daily Worker" to subscribers in the Los Angeles area. Pertinent portion of one such wrapper is "H. GURSHTEL, 630 No. Orlando, Los Angeles, 36, California - 7/17/51 M-5R% A". On 5/7/51 [redacted] obtained information from a building located at 80-5th Avenue, concerning International Workers Order transfer applications. One application dated 1/2/49 for HARRY GURSHTEL requested his transfer from MAL, Sioux City, Iowa, to Lodge #141, Los Angeles, California as per the members own request. The card also showed member had paid his dues thru December, 1948. This card also bore the address 630 No. Orlando Avenue, Hollywood, California.

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On 5/7/51 [redacted] also obtained TWO transfer card for GOLDIE GURSHTEL containing identical information as set forth above. [redacted] who has provided reliable information in the past has advised GOLDIE GURSHTEL was a member of and attended meetings of the Hollywood Branch of the EMMA LASARUS Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs on 9/2, 16, 30/54; 10/19, 28/54; 11/11/54; 12/4, 9, 23, 28/54 and 1/8, 17, 20/55.

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[redacted] who has provided reliable information in the past orally stated to SA [redacted] on May 17, 1954 that the EMMA LAZARUS Jewish Women's Clubs of Los Angeles are affiliated with the EMMA LAZARUS Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs with headquarters in New York City, which until the early part of 1951, were known as the EMMA LAZARUS Division, Jewish People's Fraternal Order. [redacted] stated that ELJWC, Los Angeles, about 1952, and early 1953, was also referred to as the EMMA LAZARUS Council of Jewish Women.

The Jewish People's Fraternal Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

PEARL SILVER

[redacted] has advised PEARL SILVER was a member of and attended meetings of the Hollywood Branch of the EMMA LAZARUS Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs on seventeen different occasions between June 3, 1954 and January 20, 1955. On 3/2/51 [redacted] furnished SA [redacted] and SE [redacted] approximately 700 addressed wrappers used in mailing the "Worker" and the "Daily Worker". Pertinent portions of one such wrapper is "PEARL SILVER, 1209 No. Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles 46, California 3-2-52 M % A."

SARAH BEGUN

On 3/2/51 CS [redacted] furnished the above wrappers and the pertinent portion of one was as follows: "MRS. SARAH BEGUN, 916 No. Alfred Street, Los Angeles, California 10-19-51 M 2R % A CHA."

Regarding referenced New York report the following investigation was conducted to locate [redacted]. A pretext telephone call to [redacted] who has resided [redacted] for past three years advised she had no recollection of [redacted] and knew she had not resided at [redacted] or in any of the other apartments in this court during the past three years.

The present tenant in 2002 and 2004 No. Townsend advised they do not know of any [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles, California, owner and manager of the courts at [redacted]. [redacted] advised he had no record of a [redacted] ever being a tenant and he has owned and operated the court for many years. He advised, however, that approximately two years ago he had twin brothers,

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[redacted] who rented from him. [redacted] and his wife resided at [redacted] for about 2½ years prior to moving two years ago and that [redacted] and his family had another apartment in the court. [redacted] recalled these brothers while residing in his apartments had legally changed their names from [redacted] [redacted] believed they had remained in the Los Angeles area but had no information as to their present whereabouts. A search of current Los Angeles area directories and telephonic inquiries of those with that name failed to reflect any information regarding the brothers. A search of current Los Angeles area directories and Los Angeles office indices failed to reflect any information which could be identified with [redacted]

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GEORGE KOVAL
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Relet from Los Angeles dated May 3, 1955.

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Suggest recontact of [redacted] for possible information as to current address of [redacted] or persons who would know present whereabouts.

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cc - 1 - Los Angeles (65-6124) (For Information)

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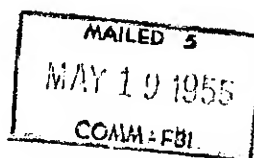
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TO : W. A. Branigan

DATE: May 18, 1955

FROM : E. M. Gregg

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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George Koval - Summary

Set forth hereinafter are references to George Koval contained in the file on "Unknown Subject was [redacted] Espionage - R" in addition to those set forth in the summary report of SA [redacted], dated 10-28-54 at New York in captioned matter:

[redacted] of the law firm of Rothstein and Rotolo, 140 Nassau Street, made available pay roll book of the Raven Electric Company to SA [redacted] on 5-25-51. This pay roll book reflects the following company employees of the Raven Electric Company, Inc., from February, 1942, to July 12, 1946:

February 1942

George Koval

Termination date

June 27, 1942

(Report of SA [redacted]
dated 10-3-51 at NY
65-57859-80)

A copy of the quarterly pay roll report of the Raven Electric Company, Inc., for the period January 2, 1942, to March 27, 1942, as filed with the New York State Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance listed the following:

<u>Social Security No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Wages</u>
152-18-0975	George Koval	\$476.32

SAA [redacted] reviewed the contents of the Raven Electric Company book entitled "Minutes of the Stockholders Meetings" on 2-11-52 and noted the following:

The minutes reflected a meeting on 8-6-42 which was attended by [redacted] George Koval.

[redacted] who resigned [redacted] for the corporation. (Report of SA [redacted] dated 3-5-52 at NY 65-57859-105)

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Memo from E.M. Gregg to W.A. Branigan

Re: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

The following information was obtained by SA(A) [] on 3-17-52 from stubs of a Merchants Bank and Trust Company checkbook which was among records of Raven Electric Company in possession of the David Strauss Company, Auctioneers, 50 W. 29th Street, NYC:

<u>Stub</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Notations</u>
122	6-13-41	\$169.69	George Koval-\$24.75 and others.
1006	7-9-42	\$20.00	George Koval-travel expense -trip to Williamsport, Pa.

The following was obtained by SA [] on 3-18-52 from stubs of a Merchants Bank and Trust Company checkbook:

1238	11-30-42	\$50.00	For expense to [] to go to Albany in connection with Mr. Koval's draft case.
1379	2-10-43	\$27.12	George Koval for expense trip to Williamsport

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The following was taken from stubs of a Public National Bank and Trust Company checkbook by SA(A) [] on 3-18-52:

5345	2-14-48	\$50.00	Cash for George
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The following information was obtained by SA [] from a review of miscellaneous correspondence pertaining to the Raven Electric Company, Inc., at the David Strauss Co.:

George Koval, 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, NY, was inducted into the Army in February, 1943.

(Report of SA [] dated 3-31-52 at New York 65-57859-141)

Memo from E.M. Gregg to W.A. Branigan

Re: GEORGE KOVAL
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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 4-2-52 that she has been the [redacted] at 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, NY, for the past three years and did not know George Koval to have resided there. She noted the building was owned by the Empire Management Company, 80 Lefferts Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

[redacted] all residents at that address for the last nine years, all advised SA [redacted] they did not know George Koval.

(Report of SA [redacted]
[redacted], dated
2-20-53 of New York
65-57859-228)

On 9-28-53 SAs [redacted] contacted [redacted] of the Garfunkel Electric Company, 750 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. He advised that he helped set up business of [redacted] of NYC in 1941. Concerning individuals who worked for [redacted] could recall only the following: a man named [redacted] who handled the lamp contracts and a young fellow who was drafted into the Army and who later returned. This individual's name was George and his last name was believed by [redacted] to have been Koval. He stated he does not know Koval's current address but he was the individual who worked previous to and after his Army service for [redacted]

(Report of SA [redacted]
dated 10-13-53 at Newark
65-57859-276)

[redacted] Bronx, NY, and [redacted] Bronx, NY, both advised on 3-24-53 they had never resided at 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, NY, nor were they acquainted with George Koval.

(Report of SA [redacted]
dated 4-5-54 at New York
65-57859-291)

[redacted] Drexel Hill, advised he was employed as a truck driver at the Raven Electric Company, NYC, from approximately March, 1942, until June, 1942. He worked at this job for about 3 months. While he was employed at Raven Electric Company, [redacted] recalled the following other individuals who worked there:

Memo from E.M. Gregg to W.A. Branigan

Re: GEORGE KOVAL
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George Koval, manager, whose present whereabouts is not known.

[] has no information concerning any Communist or espionage activity on the part of [] or any other employees of Raven Electric Company.

(Report of SA []
dated 6-3-54 at Philadelphia
65-57859-297)

[] Records Section, Veterans Administration, NYC, on 6-8-54 permitted a review of the file on George Koval, Army Serial No. 32790994. His social security number was shown as 052-18-0975 and he pursued a course in electrical engineering at the College of the City of NY from 8-30-47 through 1-29-48. His residence was given as 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, NY.

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[] contact division of Veterans Administration advised they would place a stop in George Koval's file whereby the NY office would be immediately notified of any new address obtained for Koval.

(Report of SA []
dated 6-28-54 at NY
65-57859-299)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memo be filed in the case file in this matter to facilitate future reference thereto.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 5/20/55

FROM : SAC, New York (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE-R
(OO:NY)

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25K 10PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING GEORGE KOVAL

GEORGE KOVAL was employed by the Raven Electric Company (REC), NYC, from approximately 1939 to early 1943. The REC was

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KOVAL was inducted into the U.S. Army on 2/4/43, and during 1945 was assigned to the Manhattan Engineering Project (MEP), Oak Ridge, Tenn. Investigation at Oak Ridge reflects that KOVAL worked in the Health Physics Department, Clinton Laboratory, and reportedly had access to information which could have varied from "unclassified" to "~~top secret~~". His reported duties consisted of the following: (U)

He assisted in performing technical work involving the development of apparatus and transposition of data incident to research in the development of Army material.

Following his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in 1946, KOVAL enrolled at the College of the City of New York, where he was awarded a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree on 2/1/48.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that KOVAL was issued a passport on 3/15/48, for proposed travel to France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, and Poland, as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corp, NYC.

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Investigation at the Atlas Trading Corp., NYC., has failed to reflect a record of KOVAL'S employment with that company, or his proposed travel abroad during 1948.

Departure manifest records of the "SS America," as reviewed on 5/9/55, reflect that KOVAL departed the US at NYC on 10/6/48, destined for LeHavre, France. His passage was classified as "cabin-class."

[REDACTED] a former acquaintance of the subject, has advised that KOVAL sent him a post card from Paris, France, during 1948.

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Concerning KOVAL'S earlier background, the following is noted:

He was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on 12/25/13, and resided in that city with his parents, ABRAHAM BERKO KOVAL, born Poland, and ETHEL nee SHENISKE, born Poland, until around 1932. During 1932 or 1933, the entire KOVAL family, including the subject and his two brothers, ISAIAH and GABRIEL, reportedly departed the US for Russia.

The date of the subject's return to the US is presently unknown, as are his activities and exact whereabouts during the years 1933-1942. His activities and exact whereabouts since March, 1948, are also, presently unknown.

DESCRIPTION (1946)

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	12/25/13, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	5'11 1/2"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Medium
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown

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Complexion	Medium-dark
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Electrical Engineer
USA Serial #	32798994
Social Security #	052-18-0975
Last known residence	2004 Valentine Ave., Bronx, NY. (1948)

In order to develop all available background information for the subject, which might assist the investigation being conducted to ascertain his present whereabouts, and the nature of his past and present activities, the following investigation should be conducted by the designated offices:

BALTIMORE

see serial 43
Through utilization of Baltimore [] will furnish known background and employment data for subject listed under his SSN 052-18-0975. In addition, will report the inception date of subject's coverage under Federal Social Security program.

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Re Knoxville report. 9/3/54, captioned, "Unknown Subject; was: [] ESP-R."

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At Oak Ridge, Tennessee

1. Will recontact [] Plant Protection Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, to identify all contacts and associates of the subject during his tour of duty at the AEC installation, Oak Ridge.

2. Will interview former contacts and associates of subject, determined to be residing in the territorial jurisdiction of the Knoxville Office, concerning their recollection of his activities.

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In addition, will set out necessary leads to interview pertinent contacts determined to be residing outside Knoxville Division.

3. Will, if deemed practicable, conduct neighborhood investigation in vicinity of SED Barracks, Oak Ridge, the subject's reported residence during 1945.

4. Will exhaustively conduct investigation deemed pertinent to cover all possibilities of obtaining information regarding subject's activities, employment, and contacts while assigned at Oak Ridge. Particular emphasis should be given to the following:

Attempt to develop exact nature of subject's duties, and type of classified data to which he had access; the identity of his immediate superior officer; any record, such as leave record, indicating absence from Oak Ridge during his assignment thereat.

NEW HAVEN

Will contact ELIZABETH BENTLEY regarding subject.

ST. LOUIS

Will report all available information contained in the subject's US Army service record on file at the Military Personnel Records Center. The subject's Army serial number is 32790994. He was honorably discharged from the US Army at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, as a Technician 3rd Grade on 2/12/46.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

1. Will at Central Office, INS and Customs place nation-wide lookout and stop notices so that this Bureau will be notified in the event subject returns to the US.

2. Will recheck the files of the Passport Office, Dept. of State, concerning the following information regarding Passport #170092, issued to subject on 3/15/48: Any indication he had resided outside the continental limits of US subsequent to 1932 or 1933; any indication passport renewed or used for travel since his travel to LeHavre, France, on 10/6/48.

On the basis of background data presently known for the subject, will review his passport record to determine any violation FAG Statute or grounds for loss of citizenship.

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3. Will contact [] and [] and [] regarding subject.

The Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of the following investigation:

1. Request liaison representative, Paris, France, to:

a. Check French Custom Agency at LeHavre, France, to obtain information regarding subject's arrival thereat aboard "SS America," which departed NYC, 10/6/48, which might assist in tracing subject's present whereabouts.

b. Through appropriate sources conduct background investigation regarding subject and Atlas Trading Corp., NYC., at Paris, France, it being noted subject reportedly was foreign representative of that company during 1948, and also reportedly was in Paris, France, during that period.

c. Contact LOUIS GIBARTI regarding subject.

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It is noted that GIBARTI has in the past furnished information regarding [redacted] previously described herein [redacted]

[redacted] and it is believed might be in a position to furnish information regarding the subject's possible subversive activities.

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2. Reference Omaha report, 3/23/55, instant case.

Will review Bureau indices for any information concerning the following individuals identified above report as relatives of subject:

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HARRY GURSHTEL - age 70 - uncle - formerly resided Sioux City, Iowa; presently resides Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL nee Koval - age 58 - aunt - wife of HARRY GURSHTEL.

SAM GERTZ - age 68 - uncle - resident Siou City, Iowa, 1922.

PAUL SILVER - age 60 - uncle - deceased 1944, Sioux City, Iowa.

PEARL SILVER, nee Gertz; Koval - age 55 - aunt - formerly resided Sioux City, Iowa; presently resides Los Angeles, Calif.

SARAH BEGUN, nee Koval - aunt - former resident Sioux City, Iowa; presently resides Los Angeles, Calif.

GRACE GERTZ - age 32 - cousin - born Sioux City, Iowa.

EUGENE SILVER - age 23; and ELL SILVER - age 23 - cousins, twin sons PEARL and PAUL SILVER - possibly residing Los Angeles, Calif.

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One photograph of the subject is being enclosed for Knoxville, New Haven, and Washington Field.

One additional copy of this letter and photograph of subject has been designated for the Bureau in event Bureau desires to furnish copies to its liaison representative at Paris, France.

For the information of the Bureau, the NYO has recently been successful in obtaining the subject's complete Selective Service file, and, as previously mentioned herein, has ascertained the date of the subject's departure from the US by conducting an appropriate manifest review. A report reflecting results of the above investigation, and logical leads developed therefrom, is in process of being prepared.

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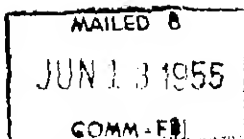
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Bufiles are being reviewed on individuals listed on page 6
of referenced memorandum. You will be advised as to pertinent results.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

10/2/55

Rebulet to NY 3/24/55, captioned "LOUIS GIBARTI; IS-R," which signified the Bureau desired that immediate steps be taken to correct the previous characterization of LOUIS GIBARTI in all reports and letters prepared in the past. Rebulet directed that in all instances information furnished by GIBARTI should be attributed to GIBARTI by name. He should be characterized as "an alleged former Comintern representative whose credibility is not known since he has in the past furnished both reliable and unreliable information." Rebulet additionally instructed that the characterization be inserted on all copies of the communication in ink, noting the date of change and the initials of the person making the change.

In accordance with the above, the following communication has been changed in the NYO to properly attribute the information to GIBARTI by name and characterization:

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10/28/54

SA [REDACTED]

New York

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DATE 3/15/88 BY SP7mac/HK

Where this communication was a report, the information corresponding to the T-symbol number for GIBARTI on the informant page has been marked "Deleted."

It is requested that the Bureau and all interested offices who received copies of the communication make changes on all copies in their possession.

It is to be noted that copies of this communication were disseminated locally to the following NY agencies: None

These agencies have been advised by separate letter of GIBARTI'S new characterization and they have been advised that they may desire to change their copy of the communication accordingly.

It is noted that a copy of the above communication was disseminated locally to None. It is requested that the Office notify this agency in writing, making reference to the communication which has been changed, that GIBARTI'S credibility cannot be evaluated since he is known to have furnished both reliable and unreliable information and the agency may desire to change the copy of the communication in its possession accordingly.

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cc - Omaha (65-609) (RM)

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: June 14, 1955

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn (orig & 1)
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

The source designated as [redacted] at page 13
of the summary report of Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted], dated October 28, 1954, at
New York, forwarded to you in this matter is
Louis Gibarti, more accurately described as an
alleged former Comintern representative whose
credibility is not known since he has in the past
furnished both reliable and unreliable information.

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The above is set forth for your convenience
in the event you wish to amend this report accordingly.

cc - 1 - Director BY COURIER SERVICE
Central Intelligence Agency
2490 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

cc - 1 - Assistant Chief of Staff, O-2
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

cc - 1 - Mr. Armando di Girolamo (By routing slip O-6
Chief, Records Administration Branch on same date)

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*Letter for Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
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*cc - 1 - Captain John A. Waters
Director of Security
Atomic Energy Commission
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TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: June 7, 1955

FROM : SAC, Omaha (65-609)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet to New York dated 4/7/55.

Enclosed herewith are two photographs of subject KOVAL which are the official high school graduation pictures that appeared in the 1929 issue of the "Maroon and White" yearbook issued by Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa; two photographs of subject KOVAL which were taken from a group photograph appearing in the 1929 issue of the "Maroon and White" yearbook; and two photographs of subject KOVAL which were obtained at the Registrar's Office of the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, which photograph is dated September 19, 1929. No other photographs of subject are available at either Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa, or at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Also enclosed herewith are two photographs of ISAIAH KOVAL, brother of subject GEORGE KOVAL, which photograph is the official graduation photograph appearing in the 1929 issue of the "Maroon and White" yearbook issued by Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa.

No other photographs of relatives of the subject are available.

Copies of the above-listed photographs are being forwarded to the New York, Los Angeles, and Washington Field Offices; however, the photograph of subject GEORGE KOVAL taken at the University of Iowa is not being furnished the New York Office at this time inasmuch as that office has previously been furnished a copy of this photograph.

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Enclosures (8)

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cc: 1 - New York (65-16756)(6 Encls.)(RM)
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RE: GEORGE KOVAL
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8 Enclosures to the Bureau (65-62911)

Two (2) photos of subject KOVAL (official high school graduation picture) taken from 1929 issue of "Maroon and White" yearbook, issued by Central High School, Sioux City, Ia.

Two (2) photos of subject KOVAL taken from group photo appearing in 1929 issue of "Maroon and White" yearbook

Two (2) photos of subject KOVAL obtained from Registrar's Office, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia. (photo dated 9/19/29)

Two (2) photos of ISALAH KOVAL (official graduation photo) taken from 1929 issue of "Maroon and White" yearbook.

From FBI, Omaha (65-609)

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GEORGE KOVAH
BORN 12-25-13 OR 12-25-14
SIoux CITY IOWA

Ht 6ft
WT 175 lbs in 1931
HAIR BROWN
EYES BROWN
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Photo Taken 1929

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GEORGE KOVAL
BORN 12-25-13 OR 12-25-14
SIoux City Iowa

HEIGHT 6ft.
WEIGHT 175 lbs in 1931
EYES BROWN
HAIR BROWN
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Photo Taken 1929

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ISAIAH KOVAL
BORN 7-22-12
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Photo Taken 1929

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-31; 6-2, 3-55	REPORT MADE BY SE pas
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R b7C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject served in U.S. Army from 2-4-43 to 2-12-46. Received honorable discharge. Inactive ERC service 2-4-43 to 2-11-43. Background and descriptive data set out. 6-1

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on June 3, 1955 of the Army service record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Records Center, World War II Unit, Department of the Army, for **GEORGE KOVAL**, Army Serial No. 32790994, indicates that he was inducted into the U.S. Army on February 4, 1943 and entered on active duty on February 11, 1943 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He was honorably discharged on February 12, 1946 as a Technician 3rd Grade from the Separation Center at Camp Atterbury, Indiana by reason of demobilization. He served in the Enlisted Reserve Corps, inactive status, February 4, 1943 to February 11, 1943. No additional reserve service indicated. He served no time in foreign service. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal and American Theater Service Ribbon. His character and efficiency rating ranged from unknown to excellent. There is no record of courts-martial or absence without leave.

State, G-2, ACC, RAB, CIA

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The following background and descriptive information is contained in the record:

Date & Place of Birth	December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa.
Height	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	170 lbs.
Race	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Brunet
Build	Medium
Education	Attended City College of New York, New York, New York under the Army Specialized Training Program (1943-44)
Civilian Occupation	Counterman in an electrical supply house
Military Occupation	Engineering Aide
Addresses	3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, New York (1943) 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, New York (1943-47)
Relatives	Friend - TILLIE-SILVER , 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, New York
Employments	Electrical Supply Distributor (1942-43)
LDB #	126 at Bronx, New York
Order #	1292A
SS #	052-18-0975
Vet. Adm. Claim #	C-12444012
Miscellaneous	No photograph of subject was contained in the file.

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REFERENCE: New York letter to Bureau dated 5-27-55.

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~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER

Date: June 13, 1955
 (orig. & 1)
 To: Legal Attache
 Paris, France
 From: Director, FBI
 Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
 ESPIONAGE - R

Transmitted herewith is a copy of New York memorandum of May 27, 1955, in which (pages 5-6) the Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of certain investigation in France. It is suggested that you arrange for a check to be made of pertinent government records which might contain information concerning the subject's arrival at Le Havre, France, aboard the SS "America" and his specific destination. It is also suggested that through established official contacts you make every effort to develop any and all information concerning the subject, his activities and contacts in France, possible departure therefrom and present whereabouts.

In the absence of specific indication that Louis Gibarti is in possession of pertinent information concerning George Koval, it is not believed that he should be contacted in this matter.

Enclosure (1)

cc - 1 - New York (65-16756)(Info)

cc - 1 - Foreign Service Desk

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE JUN 2 5 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/30;4/7,8,15,28, 29;5/2,12;6/3/55	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] JW b7C
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R R. 3	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
<p>Subject's father, ABRAM KOVAL, issued Passport No. 499861 on 5-14-32 for return to Russia, England, and Poland to work. Passport included KOVAL's wife and three sons, ISAIAH, GEORGE, and GABRIEL. Subject's father naturalized 9-8-19, at Sioux City, Iowa. Records of [REDACTED] contain no information relating to subject and members of his family. No record located for subject at Immigration and Naturalization Service.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><u>DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u></p> <p>The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, were reviewed on April 15, 1955, and reflected that the subject's father, ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, was issued Passport Number 499861 on May 14, 1932. This passport was issued for travel to England, Poland, and Russia for the purpose of employment and included ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, ETHEL KOVAL, his wife, and three sons, ISAIAH, GEORGE, and GABRIEL. The file revealed that ABRAM KOVAL was born on January 3, 1883, at Pinsk, Russia, and entered the United States in 1910, and had resided in Sioux City, Iowa, from 1910 to 1932. His wife, ETHEL KOVAL, was born on August 10, 1891, at Pinsk, Russia. ABRAM listed his children as ISAIAH, born on [REDACTED] GEORGE, born December 25, 1913; and GABRIEL, born [REDACTED] all at Sioux City, Iowa. ABRAM KOVAL's address in [REDACTED]</p>			
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1932 was listed as 619 $\frac{1}{2}$ Virginia Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa. He indicated in his passport application that he intended to depart from the United States on approximately June 1, 1932. Identifying witness on the passport application was GOLDIE GURSHTEL, 2028 Jones Street, no town or state indicated. ABRAM KOVAL applied for instant passport at the United States District Court, Sioux City, Iowa, on May 13, 1932. ABRAM KOVAL was described in his passport application as follows: 49 in 1932; 5 feet 9 inches tall; dark brown hair, graying; brown eyes; occupation, carpenter.

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, contain no information relating to the return to the United States of the subject or any of the members of his immediate family. ~~ABRAM KOVAL~~

On April 28, 1955, Special Employee [] reviewed the naturalization file on the subject's father, ABRAM B. KOVAL, at the Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The file reflected that ABRAM B. KOVAL was born on January 3, 1883, at Pinsk, Russia, and was naturalized on September 8, 1919, at the United States District Court, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa. KOVAL's address was listed as 1013 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa. INS records revealed that KOVAL was married to ETHEL KOVAL, who was born on August 16, 1890, and that he arrived in the United States on April 28, 1910, at Galveston, Texas. His family included ISIAH, [] GEORGE, born December 25, 1914; and GABRIEL, born [] all in the state of Iowa, city not indicated. ABRAM KOVAL's INS file contained no information of a derogatory nature, and there was no evidence of loss of citizenship.

The files of [] another government agency that conducts personnel and security-type investigations, reviewed on April 8, 1955, contained no information relating to the subject or any of the members of his immediate family.

On May 12, 1955, Special Employee [] caused a search to be made of INS records at the Central Office and no identifiable record was located for the subject.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU, NEW YORK, AND OMAHA:

Two passport photographs of subject taken in 1948,
Two passport photographs of ABRAM, ETHEL, ISIAH,
GEORGE, and GABRIEL KOVAL taken as a family group
in May, 1932.

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[REDACTED]	Record check 4-8-55, negative	4-8-55	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Instant file

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OMAHA DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

One copy of instant report is being furnished the Omaha Division for information inasmuch as additional investigation is pending in that office.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

- 30 *Central Serial*
1. Will place nation-wide lookout and stop notices with Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service and Customs for subject.
 2. Will recheck subject's passport file for any information indicating residence outside the United States subsequent to 1932 or 1933 and establish any violation FAG Statute or grounds for loss of citizenship.
 3. Will contact [REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] regarding subject.

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REFERENCES

Omaha report dated March 23, 1955, and Bulet to WFO dated April 11, 1955.
New York letter dated May 27, 1955.

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May 26, 1955
New York, N.Y.

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Name George Koval

Past Residences Other than USSR

1922-1932	619 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa
1941-1943	3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, New York
1945	SED Barracks, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Fall, 1946- Fall, 1948	2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York

Description

Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	6'
Weight	170-175 pounds
Hair	Black - dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium - dark
Occupation	Electrical Engineer
Marital Status	Single

Relatives

Father	Abram Berko Koval - age 72
Mother	Ethel, nee Sheniske - age 65
Brother	Isaiah Koval - age 43
Brother	Gabriel Koval - age 36

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Activities

Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York, New York, owned by [redacted] a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet agent known by the code name [redacted]. During 1945 he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York, New York, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that Koval is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the City College of New York in 1948. (U)

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GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: June 24, 1955

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (65-1717)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Origin: New York

Re New York letter to Bureau 5/27/55 requesting that
ELIZABETH BENTLEY be contacted regarding the subject.

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On 6/21/55 Miss ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, a self-admitted
former Soviet espionage agent, orally advised Special
Agent [redacted] that the March, 1948 pass-
port photograph of GEORGE KOVAL was completely unfamiliar
to her and that she was also unfamiliar with the description
and background of KOVAL set forth in referenced letter.
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cc: (2) New York (65-16756)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] former acquaintance of subject, recontacted and advised subject's whereabouts remain unknown to him. Has not heard from KOVAL since receipt of postcard from Paris, France, during 1948. Believes subject's evasive tactics regarding his employment abroad during 1948 suggestive that KOVAL engaged in "clandestine activity." Parents of subject's girl friend, [redacted] possibly residing [redacted] Bronx, NY. [redacted] assigned to subject's Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) class, College of the City of New York (CCNY), 1943-1944, advised has not heard from subject since 1946. Has no information regarding subject's present employment or whereabouts. Subject friendly with ASTP students. CCNY, named **ARNOLD KRAMISH**, [redacted] **ARNOLD KRAMISH** believed presently working for AEC, place unknown; [redacted] are believed to be working at AEC, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Described KOVAL as loyal citizen about whom he has no knowledge of derogatory information. [redacted] assigned to ASTP, CCNY, 1943 through 1944 and acquainted with subject 1946-1948, advised subject made pro-Russian statements but did not impress as being a Communist. Subject indicated [redacted] Raven Electric Company (REC), NYC, as "only true friend." Based upon subject's evasive tactics regarding

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his foreign employment and his failure to contact friends, subsequent to 1948, [] believes subject may be involved in "irregular activity." Information furnished by [] reflects [] REC, requested subject's Selective Service deferment for occupational reasons during 1942. WILLIAM A. ROSE described by [] as Engineering Consultant at REC. [] North Plainfield, New Jersey, and [] Brooklyn, NY, described by [] as potential successors to subject's position with REC.

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DETAILS:

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Street, New York City, was recontacted by SAS []
[] on May 18, 1955, and advised the following:

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He has no knowledge regarding the present whereabouts of the subject. His last communication from the subject was a postcard from Paris, France, postmarked during the Fall of 1948. This postcard, which has been destroyed, neither reflected a return address, nor information pertinent to the subject's activities or employment.

KOVAL possibly has been employed in the construction of an electrical power plant in Poland, which assumption is based upon KOVAL's statements made prior to his departure from the United States concerning his anticipated employment abroad. The circumstances leading to the subject's employment abroad are unknown. In retrospect, the fact that KOVAL was vague and evasive concerning his departure from

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the United States during 1948 suggests the possibility he may have been engaged in some type of "blandestine activity".

The whereabouts of [redacted] is presently unknown, but it is believed that her parents may presently be residing at [redacted] Bronx, New York.

[redacted] whose address was previously indicated as [redacted] Bronx, New York, is residing at [redacted] New York 63, New York. [redacted] is employed at a research laboratory sponsored by the University of Columbia located at Dobbs Ferry, New York.

[redacted] were described as members of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), College of the City of New York (CCNY) from 1943 to June, 1944. [redacted] are recalled as "close acquaintances" of the subject during his ASTP assignment at CCNY during 1943-1944. It is believed that both [redacted] and [redacted] should be in a position to furnish detailed information regarding the subject's activities at CCNY during the period of his assignment with the ASTP.

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Regarding [redacted], mentioned above, it is noted that when [redacted] was originally interviewed by SA [redacted] on February 23, 1955, he advised that the subject had been dating her just prior to his departure from the United States in 1948.

During the occasion of his interview on February 23, 1955, [redacted] also advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] Bronx, New York, is a former acquaintance of the subject and knew the subject at CCNY during the period 1943-1944 and 1946-1948.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on February 23, 1955, that [redacted] Road, Baldwin, New York, was a member of the subject's ASTP class at CCNY and might be in a position to furnish pertinent information regarding KOVAL's former associates and past activities.

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On May 4, 1955, [] was interviewed at his place of employment, Republic Aviation, Guided Missile Division, Hicksville, New York, by SA [] and advised the following:

He was in the subject's ASTP class at CCNY from September, 1943 to September, 1944. After the completion of the course, he believed the subject was assigned to Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He met him after World War II in 1946 when the subject returned to CCNY for the completion of his education. At that time the subject was working for some X-ray laboratory and attending CCNY. He has not heard from the subject since 1946 and does not know where he is at this time or where he was employed after 1946.

While at CCNY, the subject was a brilliant student, and it is believed by [] that Professor [] CCNY, would remember KOVAL. The subject was friendly with students at CCNY named ARNOLD KRAMISH, [] and [] KRAMISH is presently working for the Atomic Energy Commission, location unknown, and [] and [] are working for the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Based upon his association with the subject, [] is of the opinion that KOVAL was a loyal American citizen concerning whom he cannot recall derogatory information.

The indices of the New York Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, on May 9, 1955, reflected no derogatory information that could be determined identifiable with ARNOLD KRAMISH, [] on the basis of background information presently known for those individuals.

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[] was contacted at his place of employment, Hudson Laboratories, Columbia University, Dobbs Ferry, New York, by SAS [] on May 25, 1955, and advised the following:

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He met the subject at CCNY during the Fall of 1943 while he and the latter were members of the ASTP and was in contact with KOVAL until June, 1944, at which time the subject was assigned to the Atomic Energy installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. After World War II, he renewed his acquaintance with KOVAL when the latter returned to CCNY in the Fall of 1946 to complete his studies for a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree. He was in contact with KOVAL from 1946 through the Fall of 1948, at which time the subject departed the United States in conjunction with employment recalled to be connected with an "electrical power development in Poland."

His contact with KOVAL during the latter's United States Army service as a member of the ASTP, CCNY, was restricted to a "fellow-student" relationship during which time he cannot recall any activity, statement, or association by the subject which would have suggested his involvement in subversive activity. He has no reason to believe that KOVAL's assignment at the Atomic Energy installation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944 was the result of a preconceived plan by KOVAL citing as fact that assignments thereto of members of KOVAL's ASTP class were unknown by the trainees involved, and also were afforded top security regulations by the United States Army.

He has no specific knowledge regarding KOVAL's duties at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, but based upon statements made by the subject, it appears as though his duties consisted of electrical research work. He is unable to relate whether or not KOVAL had access to classified data or material while at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

During the period 1946-1948, KOVAL's activities are best described as typical of a "veteran attending college under the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights." KOVAL was an excellent student of electrical engineering, and also was exceptionally active in fraternal affairs at CCNY. He apparently relied entirely on his "GI benefits" for his support, and consequently confined his entire activity to school work and related social events.

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During this period KOVAL did make statements reflecting pro-Soviet sympathies but did not give the impression of being a Communist or a political fanatic. As an example, KOVAL, upon being questioned concerning a disputable issue involving the governments or foreign policy of Russia and the United States, without exception would attempt to logically set forth a favorable position for Russia. He did not enter into these discussions unless specifically questioned concerning a pertinent issue.

The only information recalled regarding KOVAL's early background is that he was born in Sioux City, Iowa, and, according to his statements, was orphaned during his early childhood. KOVAL never indicated that he had resided outside the United States at any time.

KOVAL's closest friend was in all probability [redacted] the Raven Electric Company (REC) in New York City where KOVAL was employed for several years prior to his Army service. KOVAL remarked that he had visited [redacted] residence on many occasions, and also described [redacted] as his "only true friend."

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[redacted] The only significant information recalled concerning [redacted] is that he was extremely friendly with a professor of electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who was instrumental in securing [redacted] part time employment with the General Electric Company subsequent to World War II. The professor is recalled as being of Russian derivation and was mentioned by KOVAL on several occasions as being a close acquaintance of [redacted]. It is also recalled that both [redacted] were graduates of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Subsequent to being awarded his electrical engineering degree at CCNY during 1948, KOVAL stated that he had obtained employment in connection with the construction of an electrical power plant in Poland. He was extremely evasive as to how he obtained this employment and the length of time he expected to remain abroad in conjunction with it. With the exception of sending a postcard to several of his friends in New York City during the Fall of 1948,

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KOVAL has not contacted any of his friends or associates in the United States since leaving for Poland. On the basis of his unknown employment in Poland and in consideration of his apparent pro-Russian thinking, it is highly probable that KOVAL is engaged, or has been engaged, in "irregular activity" which might possibly include subversive acts against the United States.

[redacted] described the following individuals as being in a position to possibly furnish information pertinent to KOVAL's past activities.

[redacted] last known to be residing at [redacted] Culver City, California, was stationed with the subject at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and possibly might recall information regarding KOVAL's activities thereat.

[redacted] Electrical Engineering Instructor, CCNY, 1947-1948, whose present employment and residence address are unknown, was closely acquainted with KOVAL during the period 1946-1948.

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[redacted] believed to be presently employed at CCNY as a Laboratory Technician, was acquainted with KOVAL just prior to the latter's departure from the United States during the Fall of 1948.

The indices of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as reviewed on May 9, 1955, reflected no derogatory information for [redacted] or [redacted]

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 26, 1949, that [redacted] also known as [redacted] of the Raven Electric Company, Incorporated, New York, New York.

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information on May 9, 1955

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On January 2, 1941, the subject indicated his residence to be 3470 Cannon Place, Apartment I-42, Bronx, New York, in care of ABRAHAM SILVER.

On March 14, 1941, KOVAL advised [] that he was employed with the REC, 11 West 25th Street, New York City, as a "Counterman".

On February 25, 1942 [] [] REC, directed an affidavit to Local Board 126, Selective Service System, Bronx, New York, requesting an occupational deferment of KOVAL's induction into United States military service. In this request, [] described KOVAL as the manager of the REC, and as the company's "key man". [] wrote that the REC was engaged in the electrical supply and equipment business, and was a distributor for the General Electric Company. [] noted that the REC had contractual agreements with the United States Government for the Army and Navy which included orders for "Bennett Field" and the "New Foundland Base, Incorporated".

On June 22, 1942, [] directed a letter to Local Board 126, Selective Service System, Bronx, New York, which reflected the following pertinent information:

It was noted that every effort was being made to train a replacement for GEORGE KOVAL. [] Brooklyn, New York, [] North Plainfield, New Jersey, were described by [] as possible successors to KOVAL's position at REC.

On July 20, 1942, WILLIAM A. ROSE, Contractual Electrical Engineer Consultant with the REC, appeared at Local Board 126 to request an extension of KOVAL's Selective Service deferment for occupational reasons. ROSE displayed a Coast Guard Card with Serial #712441 issued by the Port of New York to identify himself.

WILLIAM A. ROSE

The books and records of the REC in the possession of the David Strauss Company Auctioneers, 50 West 29th

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Street, New York City, as reviewed by SA [redacted] during March, 1952, reflected a 1940 Manufacturers Trust Company check book for the REC. The following appeared on the check book stubs:

Stub #1058 dated August 18, 1942, \$50 to W. A. ROSE for travel expense.

Stub #1248 dated December 5, 1942, \$75 cash to W. A. ROSE for expenses to Knoxville, Tennessee.

Stub #1436 dated February 27, 1943, \$85 to W. A. ROSE for travel to Washington and Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Loans and Exchanges Account for the REC covering the period January 1, 1949, to February 8, 1951, was checked on March 21, 1952, by SA [redacted] at the office of [redacted] at 140 Nassau Street, New York City. Included in the records for that account was the following notation:

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On May 25, 1945, [redacted] wrote to [redacted] Rutherford, New Jersey, regarding the sale of Mexican twine.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Rutherford, New Jersey, during May, 1952:

[redacted] Rutherford Police Department; advised he did not know anyone on [redacted] Rutherford, by the name of ROSE. He advised that there was no information on this name in the Rutherford Police Department records.

The Tax Collector's records maintained at Rutherford City Hall reflected [redacted] as the registered owner of the property at [redacted] Rutherford, New Jersey. Neighborhood investigation conducted at [redacted] Rutherford, New Jersey, reflected that WILLIAM A. ROSE was unknown to the residents at those addresses.

The Passaic and Bergen County Credit Bureau, Paterson, New Jersey, records were checked by SE [redacted] during May, 1952, and reflected no record for a WILLIAM A. ROSE on Ridge Road in Rutherford, New Jersey.

[redacted] another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised during 1944 that [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, signed an Independent Nominating Petition of the Communist Party (CP) on August 20, 1940, and on January 31, 1942. He also signed a CP petition while residing at [redacted] Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The informant advised that [redacted] acknowledged signing the CP petitions and admitted attending CP meetings from 1935 to 1939 and contributing small sums to the CP from 1935 to 1938, although he denied that he was ever a member of the CP.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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REGARDING THE SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE
FROM THE UNITED STATES IN 1948

The Departure Manifest records for the year 1948 of the "SS America" as maintained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service at 641 Washington Street, New York City, were reviewed on May 9, 1955, and reflected the following:

GEORGE KOVAL, age 34, born Sioux City, Iowa, departed the United States at New York City on October 6, 1948, as a "cabin-class passenger" aboard the "SS America." KOVAL indicated his residence as 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York, and his destination as Le Havre, France. He also indicated that he would remain abroad for a period of six months.

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MISCELLANEOUS

For the information of the Boston and Newark Divisions, which offices have not received a prior communication concerning this case, the following brief summary is noted:

Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York, New York, [REDACTED] a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet agent known by the

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code name [] During 1945 he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "~~top secret~~." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/48 he departed the United States aboard the "SS America" destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York

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LEADS

BOSTON

At Boston, Massachusetts

1. Will, through available sources, check faculty records for the period 1945 to present at Massachusetts Institute of Technology regarding identifying data of professors of electrical engineering who have surname of Slavic or Russian derivation.

2. Will review office indices for any information concerning individuals identified as a result of the above-requested investigation.

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LOS ANGELES

At Culver City, California

1. Will attempt to locate [redacted] whose last known address was at [redacted]

2. If successful in locating [redacted] and in absence of derogatory information, will interview him regarding any information recalled concerning the subject. Particular emphasis should be given to subject's activities at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

NEWARK

At North Plainfield, New Jersey

1. Will attempt to identify [redacted] who reportedly resided at [redacted] during 1942.

2. Will report all pertinent information available regarding [redacted]

At Newark, New Jersey

Will review office indices for any information concerning WILLIAM A. ROSE reported to have resided at [redacted] Rutherford, New Jersey, on May 25, 1945.

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At New York, New York

1. Will conduct the following investigation at CCNY through utilization of available confidential sources of information:

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a) Review available records regarding subject's ASTP class in attendance at CCNY during 1943-1944 in an attempt to ascertain the identities of all members of that group.

b) Will review above ASTP records for background data of assistance in locating [redacted] reportedly former close acquaintances of subject during his ASTP assignment at CCNY.

c) Will attempt to ascertain the identities of subject's instructors at CCNY and consider advisability of interviewing these individuals.

d) Will ascertain if [redacted] is presently a faculty member at CCNY, and if so will interview him regarding his knowledge of subject's activities.

e) Will review faculty records for background data of assistance in locating [redacted], former electrical engineer instructor at CCNY, and formerly acquainted with subject during period 1946-1948.

f) Will review ASTP records for available identifying data re ARNOLD KRAMISH, [redacted] prior to requesting Bureau to contact the AEC concerning employment of those individuals.

2. Will, through appropriate sources, attempt to develop identifying data regarding ABRAHAM SILVER from whom subject sublet an apartment at 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, during January, 1941.

3. Will, through appropriate liaison, attempt to identify WILLIAM A. ROSE, Consultant Engineer, REC, 1942, by check of his Coast Guard Serial #712441 issued to him at Port of New York.

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4. Will, at the United States Lines, 1 Broadway, obtain all available data regarding subject's travel aboard the "SS America" to Le Havre, France, on October 6, 1948.

5. Will contact appropriate informants concerning subject.

6. Will attempt to locate [redacted] former employee of REC, about whom information has been reported in connection with an investigation at New York entitled [redacted] SM-C."

7. Will attempt to locate the whereabouts of [redacted] during 1948, by contacting her parents who reportedly reside at [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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KNOXVILLE and WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report has been designated for the Knoxville and Washington Field Offices, inasmuch as those offices are presently conducting investigation regarding instant case.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 3/30/55, NY.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL		DECLASSIFIED BY SP3B TS/SR ON 8/2/01 922438	CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>Laboratory Protection Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised subject was fingerprinted as mathematician on 8/15/44 and worked in Health Physics Department at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> stated subject probably had access to classified information including "secret". Former supervisor and some former members of Special Engineers Detachment at Oak Ridge National Laboratory stated they recognize photograph of subject as individual who was assigned to a survey team in the Health Physics Department at ORNL, and stated subject probably had access to information classified as "secret". All stated they had had no contact with subject since 1945 or 1946. All stated they had no information of subject's activities at Oak Ridge away from the ORNL. Background information set forth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- R U C -</p> <p>AT OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:</p> <p>On 7/7/55 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> Security Files Section, Security Division, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, advised that subject's Manhattan Engineering District security file was sent to Washington Atomic Energy Commission Security Office on 11/22/54.</p> <p>On 7/8/55 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> advised that ARNOLD KRAMISH was assigned to the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. She stated she was unable to locate any record of <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> and was unable to identify any person in her files who was in the Special Engineers Detachment at Oak Ridge by the name of <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div></p>			
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[redacted] Laboratory Protection Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised on 7/8/55 that GEORGE KOVAL was fingerprinted by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a mathematician on 8/15/44 and worked in the Health Physics Department at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He stated that his records were not complete and he had no further information concerning GEORGE KOVAL, but assumed from his knowledge of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory operations during the early days of the World War II that GEORGE KOVAL was one of the group of military personnel who were assigned under the Special Engineers Detachment of the U. S. Army at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for work. He stated that no detailed information was kept on these personnel as their records were maintained by the U. S. Army.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] [redacted] were presently in the Health Physics Department of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and might possibly recall subject. [redacted] stated from his knowledge of the operation, that the S.E.D. personnel working in the Health Physics Department had access to a considerable amount of classified information which was classified up to, and including, ~~"Secret"~~. He stated that mainly this information would deal with Health Physics problems and would not likely concern production figures or other problems which now would carry a high classification.

On 7/8/55 [redacted] Health Physics Department, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised upon viewing photograph of subject that he recalled KOVAL as being in the Special Engineers Detachment at Oak Ridge and working in the Health Physics Department. [redacted] stated that he was also in the Special Engineers Detachment but did not know subject very well. He stated that to the best of his memory the subject was probably in a survey group at the laboratory and with this assignment would probably have had access to information which was highly classified at that time. He stated that if subject was working with mathematical problems he would also have had access to highly classified information. He stated subject may have had access to information concerning plutonium as considerable work was done on plutonium at the time the S.E.D. personnel was working at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. [redacted] advised that [redacted] a mathematician at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, may have known the subject if he was working as a mathematician. He stated [redacted] is on vacation and would not return to Oak Ridge for several weeks.

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[] advised that the [] of the S.E.D. personnel at Oak Ridge was a [] whose full name [] did not recall, and whose present whereabouts is unknown to him.

[] advised he did not recall subject's association in the S.E.D., but did recall that the following personnel were assigned at the Health Physics Group during 1944 and 1945:

[] present whereabouts unknown
[] present whereabouts unknown
[] presently located Oak Ridge
National Laboratory
[] presently located Oak Ridge
National Laboratory
[] presently located Oak Ridge
National Laboratory

On 7/8/55 [] Analytical Chemistry Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised he was in the S.E.D. at Oak Ridge from February 1944 to January 1946 when he was discharged. He stated upon viewing the photograph of the subject that he did not know GEORGE KOVAL. [] advised that [] Chicago, Illinois, was formerly assigned in the S.E.D. group working in the Health Physics Department at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory during 1944 and 1945. He stated [] may recall the subject.

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On 7/8/55 [] Chemist, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised he was a member of the S.E.D. in 1944. He stated he recalled subject as being in the Health Physics group at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He stated that at the time he was assigned to the S.E.D. group he was working on the processing of plutonium and that KOVAL was one of the group from the Health Physics Department who surveyed the plutonium laboratory for radiation. He stated that due to this survey group KOVAL may have had access to some information concerning plutonium, but he does not have any exact information regarding his specific information, nor the information to which he was given access. He stated that at the time much of the work in his laboratory was classified as ~~secret~~.

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[redacted] advised [redacted] was supervisor of the subject, but he did not recall any close association or any of the activities of the subject. [redacted] advised a [redacted] initials not recalled, was [redacted] of the S.E.D. [redacted] initials not recalled, was [redacted] of the S.E.D., and a [redacted] [redacted] initials not recalled, was his recruiting officer for the group.

On 7/8/55 [redacted] Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised he was in the S.E.D. group from June 1944 to February 1946. He stated upon viewing a photograph of the subject he believes he recognizes subject as being a person assigned at the S.E.D. group at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, but does not recall his name nor does he recall anything concerning him.

On 7/8/55 [redacted] Ionics, Inc., 152 Sixth Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, who is on temporary assignment with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory as his company has a subcontract with the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company, advised he was assigned to the S.E.D. at Oak Ridge from 4/44 to 8/46. He stated upon viewing a photograph of the subject he recalls subject's face, but did not recall his name. He stated he did not recall anything concerning the activities of the subject. He stated subject's direct supervisor, to the best of his memory, was a [redacted] who is, to his last knowledge b7C at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Brookhaven, New York.

On 7/8/55 [redacted] Health Physics Department, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised he recalls KOVAL as being in the Health Physics Department during the early days of the laboratory. He stated that KOVAL did mathematical problems in connection with radiation detection and measurement of instruments. He stated KOVAL'S job required access to ~~confidential and secret~~ information and under the Manhattan Engineering District he stated he had access to information during his assignments which would now be classified as less sensitive than "restricted data" at the present time. [redacted] advised he did not have any knowledge of subject's activities at Oak Ridge away from work and did not have any clear memory of his activities at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

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On 7/8/55 [redacted] Declassification Branch, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, advised ARNOLD KRAMISH was no longer employed with the Atomic Energy Commission, but is employed presently as manager of Research Atomic Industry Forum, Inc., 260 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

On 7/8/55 [redacted] Management Services, Inc., Records Retirement Department, advised she had no record of GEORGE KOVAL in her files. She stated the S.E.D. barracks are now all closed and demolished and there is no record available of the occupants of these barracks.

[redacted] Physical Security Branch, Security Division, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, who also is a [redacted] in the U. S. Army Reserve, advised on 7/12/55 he was assigned to the CIC Branch at Oak Ridge in the early days and had no connection whatsoever with the S.E.D. He stated he did not recall the full name of [redacted] or [redacted] but did recall the recruiting officer for the S.E.D. was Captain WILLIAM P. MILLER, whom he knows to be deceased.

On 7/12/55 [redacted] of the Oak Ridge Police Department, advised he was formerly a sergeant in the S.E.D. He stated he did not recall subject. He advised that he obtained the following information from the yearbook of the S.E.D. concerning the officers at the S.E.D. He stated that the [redacted] whose home address was listed as Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and the [redacted] s name was [redacted] whose home address was listed as [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. He stated that the recruiting officer for the S.E.D. was a Major WILLIAM P. MILLER, whose address was not listed.

[redacted] advised he had no record in the files of the Oak Ridge Police Department for GEORGE KOVAL.

During the course of another investigation in September 1954 the following background information was obtained from the files of

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the Manhattan Engineering District security file, which was in custody of the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, Tennessee:

ASN: 32790994
Address: City College, New York City, N.Y.
Last address: 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, N.Y.
Born: 12/25/13 at Sioux City, Iowa
Citizenship: U. S.
Sex: Male
Race: White
Height: 6'
Weight: 175
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Marital Status: Single
Father: ABRAHAM KOVAL, Sioux City, Iowa;
born Poland, U. S. citizen
Mother: ESTHER KOVAL, Sioux City, Iowa;
born Poland, U. S. citizen
Brothers: ISIDORE KOVAL, Sioux City, Iowa;
born U.S.; American citizen
GABRIEL KOVAL, Sioux City, Iowa;
born U. S.; American citizen
Employment: Raven Electric Company, Inc., 11 W.
25th St., New York City, 1939-43;
Midtown Electric Company, 140 W. 20th
St., New York City, 1937-39;
Square Deal Company, 928 Fourth St.,
Sioux City, Iowa, 1933-36
Organizations: Electrical Union No. 3, AFL, New York
City, membership 3 years
References: [redacted]
Bronx, New York, known 4 years
[redacted], 1001
Engineers APO #26, known 1 yr.
[redacted] New York
City, known 1 yr.

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The file contained the following additional information:

Employment: Health Physics Department, Development,
Clinton Laboratory
Residence: S.E.D. Barracks, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Previous
addresses: 619 Virginia St., Sioux City, 1936
311 W. 72nd St., New York City, 1936-39
3451 Gilet Place, Bronx, N.Y., 1939-41
3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, New York,
1941-43
Family data: Father, ABRAHAM BERNARD KOVAL, carpenter,
Jewish, born about 1885, near Pinsk,
Poland, naturalized about 1917 in Sioux
City; became deceased 1933, Sioux City,
Iowa.
Mother, ETHEL KOVAL, housewife, Jewish,
born about 1888 near Pinsk, Poland,
naturalized about 1917 in Sioux City;
became deceased 2/34 in Sioux City, Iowa.
Education: Armstrong School, Sioux City, 1918-25;
Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School, Sioux
City, 1925-26; State University of Iowa,
Iowa City, Iowa, 9/29 to 2/32
Organizations: National Honor Society
[redacted] 6/44 to present,
City College, New York; [redacted] 8/44
to 3/44, 1001 Chattanooga Engineers
Battalion. Inducted U. S. Army, NYC, b7C
2/4/43
References: [redacted] Bronx,
New York;
[redacted] Moncrie and Gref, New York
City;
[redacted] 1001 Engineering
(C) BN APD #26;
[redacted] City College, New York;
137 St. Amsterdam Ave., N.Y.;
[redacted] City College, New York,
137 St. Amsterdam Ave., N.Y.

It was noted that this file contains an affidavit dated 6/23/45 certifying that GEORGE KOVAL knew it to be his duty to safeguard classified information which had come to his attention.

The file contained no information indicating the period of time GEORGE KOVAL was employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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This report is being marked as "~~Secret~~" inasmuch as the referenced New York report was marked ~~Secret~~ and this report contains reference to information which at one time was classified as ~~Secret~~.

For the information of the Chicago and Pittsburgh Offices, who have not previously received information concerning this investigation the following brief summary is noted:

Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York, New York. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During 1945 he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "~~Top Secret~~". In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative", he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/48, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America" destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York. b7C

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CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will locate and interview [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Chicago, a former member of the Special Engineers Detachment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, who may have known the subject and may be able to furnish some information concerning his activities in Oak Ridge.

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Will interview [redacted] whose last known address was [redacted] Chicago. [redacted] was formerly [redacted] of the S.E.D. at Oak Ridge, and may be able to furnish information concerning the activities of the subject.

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT BROOKHAVEN, NEW YORK:

Will interview [redacted] who is reported to be formerly the subject's [redacted] at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, whose last known address was Brookhaven National Laboratory.

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT SEWICKLEY, PENNSYLVANIA:

Will locate and interview [redacted], whose last known address was Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and who formerly was [redacted] of the S.E.D. at Oak Ridge and who may be able to furnish information concerning subject's activities at Oak Ridge.

REFERENCE

New York letter to Bureau 5/27/55.
Report of SA [redacted] 6/21/55, New York.

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Date: July 14, 1955

BY COURIER SERVICE

To: Director (orig and one)
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
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We would appreciate any information you
may have been able to develop in answer to our
request of April 13, 1955.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE-R

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's passport file reviewed, and no additional pertinent information noted. No information available indicating subject has lost American citizenship. National Archives records for individuals entering or leaving the Soviet Union during 1932 via Latvia, Finland and Poland contain no information regarding subject or immediate family. Confidential Informants [Redacted] and [Redacted] were unable to identify photographs of subject or furnish any information relating to him.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

A review of the subject's passport application dated March 15, 1948, at the Passport Office, Department of State, on June 20, 1955, failed to reveal any additional information relating to the subject's background and activities. In executing the passport application, the subject left a blank space in answer to the statement "I have resided in the United States as follows:" The subject also indicated that he had not previously obtained a passport. It will be noted that the subject was included in a passport number 499861 issued to his father, ABRAHAM KOVAL, which was dated May 14, 1932, for travel to Russia. Subject's passport file contained no information indicating passport renewal or use subsequent to 1948.

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[redacted] Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA [redacted] on July 5, 1955, that on the basis of the facts available in the subject's and his father's passport files it does not appear that the subject has lost his American citizenship in the absence of any expatriative acts which may have been committed by him. The mere residence abroad, actual or alleged, by the subject from 1932 to some future date undetermined does not in itself constitute an expatriative act inasmuch as the subject is a native-born citizen.

[redacted] National Archives, was contacted on June 27, 1955, and requested to make available correspondence emanating from the American Legations at Riga, Latvia; Warsaw, Poland; and Helsingfors, Finland; for the year 1932.

On June 30, 1955, bound volumes of correspondence from Riga and Helsingfors were reviewed, and numerous lists of individuals traveling into and away from the Soviet Union during 1932 were checked. None of the lists checked contained the name of the subject GEORGE KOVAL or any of the members of his immediate family.

On July 1, 1955, [redacted] indicated that her search for records from Warsaw for the year 1932 had been unsuccessful and that nothing could be located in the National Archives indices indicating that correspondence covering activities at the American Legation at Warsaw for the year 1932 had been received.

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It will be recalled that the subject's father's passport, issued in May 1932, was for travel to England, Poland and Russia.

On June 20, 1955, photographs of the subject and his immediate family were displayed to Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] both former IVD Officers, who are acquainted with many personalities connected with Soviet Intelligence Services, who were unable to identify the photographs or furnish any information concerning the subject or his immediate family.

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On June 16, 1955, [redacted] a former member of the Communist Party who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] after viewing photographs of the subject and his immediate family that she did not know GEORGE KOVAL, that his name was not familiar to her and that she was unable to recall meeting or seeing the subject or members of his immediate family.